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Taste of Kuwait

A troupe from Kuwait presented in Paris different cultural aspects of Kuwait. The troupe is presenting Ardha (sword dance) in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Why not a pope? — Runcie

ROME, Sept. 30. (Reuters): Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie appealed to Anglicans today to consider accepting a papal primacy in a reunified church but Pope John Paul stressed that his office must be more than just that of a figurehead.

The two men made some of their most direct statements on papal primacy at a joint service in Rome's church of St Gregory on the second day of Runcie's first official visit to the Vatican.

They also spoke of the thorny issue of Anglican women priests. The Pope said the problem had "seriously aggravated" differences and Runcie suggested some Anglican national churches had gone too far on the issue.

Papal primacy has become the key issue of the trip because of a controversial magazine interview in which the leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans said he was willing to accept some form of papal authority in a reunified church.

In his address today Runcie said: "Could not all Christians come to reconsider the kind of primacy the bishop of Rome exercised within the early church, a presiding in love for the sake of the unity of the churches in the diversity of their mission?"

England split from the Roman Catholic church in 1534 over King Henry VIII's refusal to accept papal authority.

The Pope however said the office of the papacy could not be merely symbolic.

"Today the divisions among Christians require that the primacy of the bishop of Rome (the Pope) should also be a primacy in action and initiative in favour of that unity for which Christ so earnestly prayed," he said in his homily. (See Page 4)

Protests flare up

SRINAGAR, Sept. 30. (Agencies): A nine-year-old boy was killed today in the Kashmir capital of Srinagar as police tried to control mobs protesting against the arrest of a militant leader, police said.

The youth was hit in crossfire between police and militants armed with automatic rifles during the third day of violence following the arrest on Wednesday of Shabir Ahmad Shah, a leader of the separatist People's League.

Several other civilians were injured and a senior policeman was hurt when a tear-gas canister fired by his own men landed in his vehicle.

Three people were killed during demonstrations on Friday, and more violence was expected as militant organisations today called for a four-day general strike.

NEWSWATCH

French campaign: French President Mitterrand on Saturday issued a rallying call to Europe to save its culture from what he termed the threat of American television and Japanese technology.

"American programmes and Japanese technology largely dominate the European market," Mitterrand told delegates at a European audiovisual conference in Paris.

Mitterrand has made salvaging Europe's struggling audiovisual industry the central plank of his scheme for a cultural revival in Europe during France's current presidency of the European Economic Community.

"It concerns saving somehow our culture," he told the 1,500 delegates from 27 nations.

Europe now produces 20,000 hours of television programmes yearly, far short of the 125,000 it needs to feed a fast growing number of terrestrial and satellite channels, Mitterrand said. (Reuters)

Swiss "ski king" marries: Switzerland's "king of skiing" Pirmin Zurbriggen, on Saturday married his girlfriend of long standing, Monika Jelen.

Zurbriggen, 36, and Miss Jelen, a 22-year-old brunette, were united in a private Roman Catholic ceremony attended by 220 guests in the church of his native village.

A large crowd cheered the couple when they left the church to try two 5.20-metre (18 feet) long skis which Zurbriggen had made.

Zurbriggen, an all-rounder who won an Olympic gold medal, four world championships and 34 world cup races, has announced that he will retire from the

international ski circuit at the end of the next season, his ninth. (AP)

Call for Chernobyl cleanup: Thousands of Byelorussians, denouncing local leaders, marched through the centre of Minsk on Saturday to demand further measures to clean up the aftermath of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

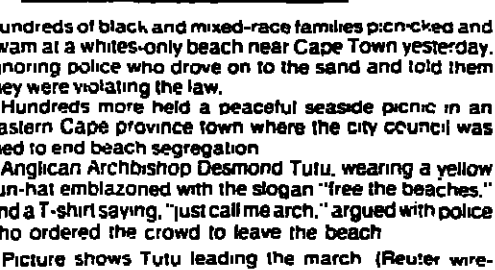
Up to 15,000 protesters wearing armbands with radioactivity symbols and carrying the banned red-and-white Byelorussian national flag filed through torrential rain in defiance of a ban by local authorities.

Later, they gathered in the city near government headquarters where speakers demanded the resignation of republican leader Yefrem Sokolov and called for the evacuation of half a million people from contaminated zones. (Reuters)

Action against Rome: An Iranian newspaper called on Saturday for action against "the dishonourable offering of Mussolini" unless the Rome government condemned support by Italian deputies for an Iranian opposition group.

About 200 Italian Members of Parliament, including at least two cabinet ministers, signed a statement last Tuesday calling on Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti to recognise the main Iranian opposition group, Mujahadeen Khalq.

Renoir painting stolen: A Renoir oil painting worth \$50,000 Swiss francs (\$340,000) has been stolen from a private gallery in Zurich, police said on Saturday. (Reuters)



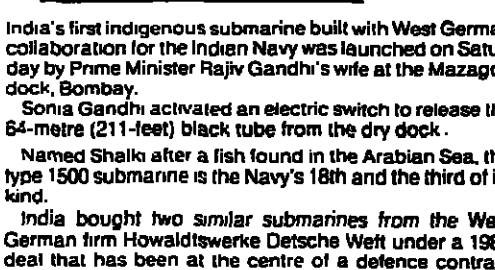
Marching in defiance

Hundreds of black and mixed-race families picketed and swam at a whites-only beach near Cape Town yesterday, ignoring police who drove on to the sand and told them they were violating the law.

Hundreds more held a peaceful seaside picnic in an Eastern Cape province town where the city council was tried to end beach segregation.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, wearing a yellow sun-hat emblazoned with the slogan "free the beaches" and a T-shirt saying, "just call me arch," argued with police who ordered the crowd to leave the beach.

Picture shows Tutu leading the march. (Reuters wire-photo)



First Indian-built sub

India's first indigenous submarine built with West German collaboration for the Indian Navy was launched on Saturday by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's wife at the Mazagon dock, Bombay.

Sonia Gandhi activated an electric switch to release the 64-metre (211-feet) black tube from the dry dock.

Named Shalka after a fish found in the Arabian Sea, the type 1500 submarine is the Navy's 18th and the third of its kind.

India bought two similar submarines from the West German firm Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft under a 1981 deal that has been at the centre of a defence contract controversy since 1987.

Mali seeks Kuwaiti aid

BAMAKO, Sept. 30. (Kuna): Kuwaiti and Malian ministers today started talks on economic co-operation between the two countries.

An authoritative Kuwaiti source said that the Malian side had briefed them on the economic difficulties the country is facing and their requirements in development fields.

The source said the Kuwaiti delegation to the talks, chaired by State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed, assured the Malian officials of Kuwait's readiness to

study those projects according to their priorities.

The source, however, underlined that Kuwait would not be able to meet a Malian financial request to redress its \$2 billion deficit because the Kuwaiti constitution and laws prevent that.

He said despite economic circumstances experienced by Kuwait due to the decline in oil production, it will not hesitate in consolidating the Kuwait Fund for Arab Econ-

omic Development, the country's financial institution.

The source said the Kuwaiti delegation was keen on establishing genuine understanding for economic co-operation among Third World countries.

HH the Amir accompanied by President of Mali, Moussa Traore, today visited the Seleni Dam.

The Amir concludes his official visit to Mali tomorrow morning and leaves for Niger.

Success only choice in Taif

Finally a quorum

TAIF, Sept. 30. (Agencies): Lebanon's Parliament met in this mountain resort today and was told by its speaker: "We have no choice but to succeed" in finding an end to Lebanon's bloody civil war.

Speaker Hussein Husseini, told the deputies, who are divided over a Christian call for withdrawal of Syrian forces and Muslim demands for greater political power, that failure would mean "a total loss of hope" in the devastated and depopulated country and a return to fighting.

King Fahd, in an opening address read by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal in Taif's conference palace, called on the feuding Christian and Muslim parliamentarians to co-operate in finding a settlement to the conflict in which more than 150,000 people have been killed since 1975.

"It is high time we moved from trading artillery shells and accusations to hasten the peacemaking," the king's message said.

The Saudi monarch underscored the necessity of enabling the Lebanese state "to spread legitimate authority over the entire territory of Lebanon."

The Taif meeting, the first by Lebanon's Parliament outside the country, was designed to reduce sectarian pressures on the legislators which have been a major factor in the collapse of earlier initiatives.

Some of the Lebanese deputies who arrived in Taif late yesterday said the meeting would last 3-10 days.

Before the deputies left Beirut yesterday, Lebanon's acting Prime Minister, Salim Hoss, said the Taif meeting "could be the last chance for peace in Lebanon."

He told the Associated Press that the deputies "must not fail. The will that silenced the guns ought to enforce a political solution."

Conference sources said 62 of Lebanon's 73 surviving legislators, 32 Christians and 30 Muslims, were in Taif in Saudi Arabia's western mountains.

Three Muslims and eight Christian deputies failed to show up.

Twenty-five of the deputies in the 99-seat parliament have been killed or died of natural causes since the last general election in 1972. The fighting has prevented elections since then.

Some Christian legislators, pressed by Gen. Michel Aoun, have said they will not discuss political reforms until Syria agrees to a timetable for a complete withdrawal from Lebanon.

Kuwait greeted the meeting of Lebanese parliamentarians in Saudi Arabia and expressed satisfaction that the move would be a step toward a settlement of the Lebanese crisis.

Quito bags baron 'ette

QUITO, Sept. 30. (Reuters): A leading Colombian drug trafficker, Evaristo Porras, was detained in Ecuador, an Ecuadorian government official said in Quito today.

The arrest of Porras, who is said to be close to the chiefs of the Medellin drug cartel, was the biggest success in the Colombian government's five-week-old anti-narcotics crackdown.

Porras was being held in the town of Tulcan, in northern Ecuador about 15 km (10 miles) from the Colombian border, where he was arrested on Thursday, a government spokesman said.

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Laureano (left) and former justice minister Estelita Mendoza announce plans to file a motion with the Supreme Court. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cory consults military aides

Marcos burial pressure mounts

MANILA, Sept. 30. (Agencies): President Corason Aquino met military and security advisers today amid growing pressure to let the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos be buried in his home town in the Philippines.

The consultations took place as Marcos supporters announced that they would mount a campaign to pressure Aquino to allow the burial of Marcos, who died in exile in Hawaii on Thursday.

Vice President Salvador Laurel said Marcos' former political associates would petition the Supreme Court on Monday to reverse the government's decision banning the return of his remains.

Supporters also planned a "march for justice" in major Philippine cities early next week which will coverge in Manila.

Military chief General Renato de Villa said the situation was not worrisome and described sympathisers who turned up for a rally and vigil yesterday as "a small group."

"Our readings on the ground do not show anything abnormal or anything that is going to crop up at this time," he told reporters after he and other security bosses met Aquino.

A source at the presidential palace said Aquino was apparently trying to consolidate her position after senators and Marcos supporters had issued calls for her to change her mind and allow a hometown burial for the ex-president.

"It was largely a presentation of the basis of the President's decision not to allow the return of Marcos' remains in the light of the continuing efforts that will endanger the public safety and the very stability of this government," said Senator Nepali Gonzales, who attended the meeting.

Gonzales declined to elaborate but he said he was now

more convinced that Aquino's decision was correct. Aquino has said the return of Marcos' body could spark civil unrest that might wipe out whatever gains her government has so far achieved.

Laurel, who helped Aquino end Marcos' 20-year rule in a military-backed popular revolt in 1986 but who now heads an opposition party, said the ban had violated the constitution.

"Our democracy depends on the ability of our judicial system to rule objectively and without political intrusion in supporting the basic human rights of all its citizens," he said.

In Marcos' hometown Batangas in northern Ilocos Norte province, about 200 supporters gathered in the family home to hold prayer vigils for Marcos and his mother, who has remained buried more than a year after her death.

Aquino's refusal to allow Marcos to be buried here may cost her the chance to achieve national reconciliation, Laurel said.

"I feel sorry that she is wasting a very good opportunity to unite the country and our people," said Laurel, who heads the opposition Nationalista Party.

He said Aquino's "stubbornness" in the matter could "create deeper resentment among our people."

Laurel said the higher tribunal may reconsider its decision now that Marcos is dead. "The question now at hand is whether his remains could be allowed to come home," he said.

Marcos' widow Imelda called Aquino's decision to bar return of the remains to the Philippines "so cruel, so inhuman and so immoral."

She said she might keep the former president's body buried in Hawaii until Aquino changes her decision.

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Tehran accepts pullout proposal

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30. (Agencies): Iran has accepted a recent United Nations proposal for the simultaneous start of an Iraqi troop withdrawal and the repatriation by both sides of prisoners-of-war, an Iranian spokesman with the UN mission said today.

The spokesman quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as saying that Iran agreed to the proposal, submitted to both sides by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar when he attended a recent Non-Aligned Movement meeting in Belgrade.

The spokesman said Iraq had not accepted the proposal.

He said it called for a troop pullout to internationally-recognised borders to be completed within 15 days and the exchange of prisoners-of-war, numbering more than 100,000, within three months.

A ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war took effect in August, 1988. But there has been no progress in implementing other elements contained in a Security Council resolution adopted in July, 1987 which also calls for a troop withdrawal to international boundaries and the return of prisoners-of-war captured during the eight-year-long battle.

Iran has insisted that Iraq must first evacuate Iranian territory it still occupies while Iraq wants priority for the clearing of war debris and silt from the Shatt Al Arab waterway that serves as its main outlet to the Gulf.

The secretary general's special representative for the Gulf, Ambassador Jan Eliasson of Sweden, is to begin a previously-announced shuttle mission between Tehran and Baghdad towards the end of October in hopes of reviving peace talks.

The Bush administration is less aggressive toward Iran than the Reagan administration was, but must take positive and constructive steps to change the atmosphere between the two countries, according to Velayati.

In a press conference before his address to the UN General Assembly, Velayati said he was willing to help secure the release of Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

But he reiterated that he could not help the United States unless Iranian assets frozen a decade ago were released and compensation was given to the 290 passengers of an Iranian plane shot down in July, 1988 by an American warship.

Iran said yesterday it wants to expand bilateral relations with the countries of the region on the basis of mutual respect for the legitimate rights and interests.

Going West

A three-year-old boy looks through the fence of the West German embassy in Prague while some 3,500 East Germans expect their exodus from embassy's grounds to West Germany.

All East German refugees in Prague embassy will be allowed to leave for West Germany, West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher said on Saturday.

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Soviets open spaceport

Disaster revealed

PLESETSK SPACE CENTRE, USSR, Sept. 30. (AP) The Soviets ended decades of secrecy Wednesday by opening the world's busiest spaceport to foreign journalists and revealing one of the greatest disasters of the space age — the 1980 explosion of a Vostok rocket during fuelling that killed 50 people.

Moscow-based correspondents were invited to the Plesetsk Space Centre, 860 kilometres (530 miles) north of the Soviet capital, to observe launches of the Soviet Molniya television satellite and an East bloc research probe.

The sanctioned trip to the military facility — the existence of which was acknowledged by the Soviets only five years ago — was proof of increased candour and the pursuit of foreign funds and partners in space.

"This is a time of openness and we have to make everything known that was hidden before, like how space has been mastered, and what scientific results are being obtained," said Army Lt Gen. Ivan Oleinik, space centre commander.

The Soviets are hunting for foreign partners to help their space programme pay more of its own way and yield bigger commercial dividends.

In April, the first commercial payload was launched at Plesetsk on behalf of the French firm Matra. Last month, a West German consortium's experiment to grow protein crystals in orbit was sent aloft.

The growing commercialisation and the welcome given foreigners at Plesetsk is a novel chapter in the history of the base, founded in 1957 as a top-secret launch site for Soviet military missiles that would be relatively near US targets on the other side

of the North Pole. This base set among the birch forests, lakes and peat bogs of northwestern Russia is regarded as the world's busiest space centre.

In his respected annual report on the Soviet space programme, Nicolas Johnson of the Teledyne Brown Engineering firm said the number of Plesetsk launches had reached 1,159 by 1987 — more than the combined launch total of Europe, the United States, Japan and China.

Oleinik, interviewed on the launch pad minutes before the blast-off of the four-stage Soyuz booster rocket carrying the Molniya, put the number of launches at Plesetsk at "1,000 and some-odd."

"This is the world's hardest-working spaceport," the general said.

Under the Kremlin's policy of openness, revelations have been made about Soviet space failures including the 1960 explosion of a fully fuelled inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM) that killed the head of Soviet missile forces, Field Marshal Mitrofan Nedelin, and 53 others at the more famous Soviet space centre at Baikonur, home of the country's manned space programme.

Soviet space specialists, however, say there has been no public mention of accidents at Plesetsk. But a 30-foot (10-metre) high rocket-shaped aluminium monument in the base's bedroom community of Mirny pays mute honour to the victims of two gigantic and apparently unreported disasters.

On March 18, 1980, a Vostok rocket — the same two-stage booster used to send Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin into orbit in 1961 — exploded in a fireball while being fuelled on the launch pad at Plesetsk.



Space travellers return

TWO monkeys and other members of an orbiting Soviet menagerie returned safely to earth early yesterday after a 14-day mission designed to test the effects of the weightlessness and cosmic rays of living things, Tass said.

The Soviet news agency said results of the Bion-9 international mission, which began with a Sept 15 launch, would help scientists plan for long manned spaceflights. Nearly 80 experiments were carried out, with participation of scientists from nearly 20 countries, including the United States, France, Canada and the European Space Agency, Tass said.

The monkeys' Kosmos-2044 landing module — also with rats, fish and insects aboard — touched down south of the city of Kustanay in the Soviet Central Asian Republic of

Kazakhstan, 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) southeast of Moscow, Tass said.

The two monkeys, named Zhakonya and Zabyaka, were taken to Moscow later yesterday for a checkup. An initial examination after landing showed the pair had "withstood the strains of the mission well," Tass said.

The deputy director of the Moscow Institute of Medical Biological Problems, Yevgeny Ilyin, said during the mission studies were made on the impact of short- and long-term weightlessness, artificial gravitation, ionizing rays and other forms of radiation on living things, Tass said.

Picture shows two Soviet doctor feed a space monkey after it landed. (Reuters wirephoto)

Building largest smasher

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (UPI) — Calling the super-conducting supercollider "an investment in America's future," President Bush signed a spending measure yesterday that allows work to begin on one of the most ambitious scientific projects ever undertaken.

The \$1.6 billion energy and water development appropriations bill signed into law by Bush is the first of 13 such annual spending bills to reach the White House for the new budget year, which begins on Sunday.

It includes an initial \$225 million to begin construction of what has been described in layman's terms as the world's largest atom smasher. The multi-billion-dollar facility will be built in Texas, the President's adopted home state.

Bush said he was "pleased that the Congress and the administration agreed on several actions that represent investment in America's future and protection of our environment, particularly providing funds for construction of the super-conducting supercollider."

"This will be the largest and most ambitious basic research facility ever built," Bush said.

Expected to cost \$4.8 billion over a decade, the supercollider is a circular underground tunnel of superconducting magnets 53 miles (85 km) in circumference to be built near Waco, Texas. Scientists hope the high-energy physics project will enable them to unlock the secrets of the smallest building blocks of the universe.

Bush tours disaster-hit areas

\$1.1b relief for Hugo victims

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Sept. 30. (AP) President George Bush yesterday visited roofless buildings, devastated forests and other legacies of hurricane Hugo, and defunded his administration's handling of aid to the storm's victims.

"I do know that there's been a lot of suffering here, but I would have expected. But to the extent I simply say I understand. We're trying very hard," Bush said at the Charleston Air Force base at the end of his two-hour visit.

Before touching down at Charleston, Bush signed a \$1.1 billion relief package approved by Congress. He was greeted on his arrival by Gov. Carroll Campbell and Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley Jr., the latter of whom had criticised a planned aerial tour by the President as being too removed from the people.

However, bad weather forced Bush to travel by motorcade through Charleston and to Summerville, 22 miles (35 km) northwest, which suffered major utility and timber damage.

Summerville Mayor Berlin Meyers showed Bush the grounds of the Dorchester county courthouse littered with fallen trees, smashed vehicles and twisted metal.

"One thing that touched me very much was a young homeowner saying that he had had offers of help from all over this country," Bush said. "I think it does bring out the very best in the men and women of America who want to help in a tragedy of this nature."

Before Bush's arrival, Riley, an opposition Democrat, had complained: "Airplane rides and helicopter rides are nice but everything is on the ground. The people are on the ground, the stress is on the ground and we need a president who is on the ground."

Riley said it was "absolutely ridiculous" that only two federal disaster claims offices have opened in the Charleston area.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened five claims offices statewide to serve 17 counties that have been declared disaster areas. White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the President would increase the number of FEMA offices in South Carolina to nine.

There were long lines at those offices as thousands of people applied for grants and low-interest loans to help cover storm losses not covered by insurance.

"We've got to make sure everything possible has been done at the Washington level. FEMA is still the bottleneck," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, a Democrat from South Carolina.

But US Congressman Arthur Ravenel, a Republican whose district includes Charleston, blamed partisan politics for some of the criticism.

It will take at least a month to clean up 84,000 gallons (320,000 litres) of oil that spilled along three miles (5 km) of beach in the US Virgin Islands after Hugo damaged a storage tank, the Coast Guard said yesterday.

US citizens file suit to prevent launch of nuclear powered space probe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (AP) Three citizens' groups claiming "a potential disaster in the making over Florida," have filed suit to prevent the launch of a nuclear-powered probe on the space shuttle next month.

The suit, filed in US district court, contends an accident during the launch of the nuclear-powered Galileo space probe could spread poisonous plutonium over a heavily populated area of Florida.

"There's a potential disaster in the making over Florida," Jeremy Rifkin, president of the Founda-

tion on Economic Trends, said at a news conference. "We are determined that will not take place."

Bruce Gagnon of the Florida coalition for peace and justice said that if the lawsuit is not successful, his organisation plans "to put people into the launch area to sit on top of the launch pad in an effort to stop the launch."

The other group filing the suit was the Christic Institute.

Nasa plans to send Galileo into space aboard the space shuttle Atlantis on Oct. 12. Once in orbit,

Galileo is to rocket itself on a round-about voyage to Jupiter. The probe is to circle Venus once and the earth twice before streaking away from the sun towards Jupiter.

The lawsuit calls plutonium "a deadly carcinogen." It said the Galileo project will condemn thousands of eastern Florida residents "to a wholly unnecessary and virtual certainty of contracting cancer" if a shuttle launch accident, similar to the one that destroyed Challenger in 1986, caused the plutonium to be vaporised and spread over the area.

Technicians postponed the scheduled launch next week of an Ariane 44-L rocket after finding problems in the electrical components used in the space vehicles' command systems.

The lift-off of the unmanned rocket, originally scheduled for Thursday, will be delayed about four weeks.

The US space agency yesterday named astronaut crews for five space shuttle missions, including the first black woman selected for space flight.

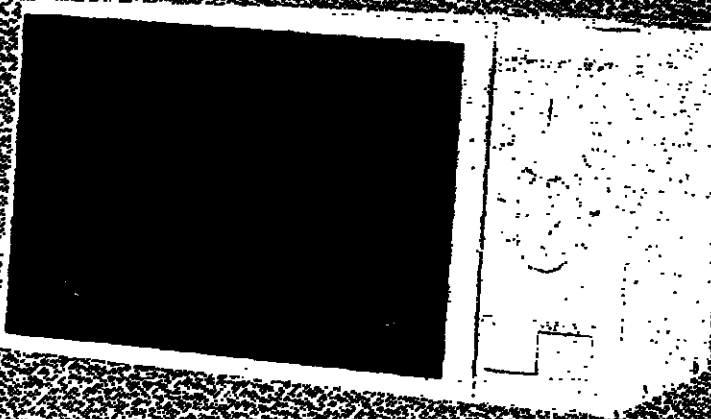
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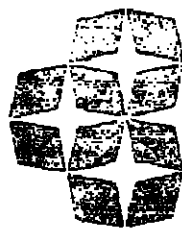
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- 60-min. dual speed rotary timer with automatic shut-off and signal bell
- 5 power levels to handle all cooking tasks
- Convenient push-button door release
- Easy-to-open ivory epoxy painted interior with removable glass tray



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- 5 cooking methods: Microwave by time, microwave by temperature, broil, convection or auto combination for microwave/convection cooking
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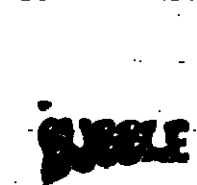
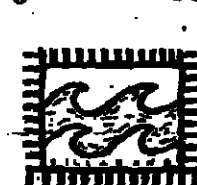
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Gabor leaves courthouse (Reuters wirephoto)

Fiery Gabor is convicted

'I think it's ridiculous'

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept 30, (AP) Zsa Zsa Gabor was convicted yesterday of slapping a Beverly Hills police officer, prompting the fiery actress to remark, "I think Russia can't be worse than this."

She was found guilty of driving without a valid driver's licence and having an open bottle of alcohol in her Rolls-Royce.

But the Hungarian-born actress was acquitted of disobeying the officer when she drove away during a traffic stop confrontation last June. She said she interpreted an obscene phrase he allegedly used as an order to leave.

Gabor, convicted of the most serious of the charges, faces a possible 18 months and five days in jail and a maximum fine of \$3,500, defence attorney William Grayson said. Sentencing was set for Oct 17.

"I am very disappointed," Gabor told reporters outside the court. "I can't believe in a country as great as ours that a 6-foot-4 (1.9-metre) policeman can beat up a lady of 5-foot-4 (1.6 metres) and use dirty language like you were a streetwalker... I think Russia can't be worse than this, or communist Hungary either. I think it's ridiculous."

Prosecutor Elden Fox said he would not ask for jail time for Gabor, but that he would seek compensation for the trial's cost.

"I want the \$30,000 restitution to the court for this media circus," Fox said.

Officer Paul Kramer, a motorcycle officer, pulled Gabor's Rolls-Royce over June 14 after noticing expired registration tags on the auto. As he checked for other violations, she drove off.

Gabor slapped Kramer when he pulled her over a second time. He said the attack was unprovoked but she said she reacted in self-defence when he forcibly removed her from her car.

Gabor contended she was convicted because of her celebrity status.

"I know it's Zsa Zsa Gabor — the diamonds. She loves to talk up, she's not a milquetoast," she told reporters.

But John Burke, leader of the 12-member jury that issued the verdicts, disagreed. "That's not the person we really tried. We tried a person who had a conflict with the police," he said.

During the 15-day trial, Gabor was fined \$500 by municipal court judge Charles Rubin for violating what she called a "gagging order" by commenting in the case.

Alaska's annual cash giveaway

\$873.16 for each

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept 30, (UPI) As the state of Alaska prepared to begin a mass distribution of \$452 million, sent in equal \$873.16 cheques to each resident, a new report said yesterday that the annual cash giveaway pays out more money than most industries in the state.

The share-the-oil-wealth giveaway puts more money into the state economy than wages paid to Alaskans by the seafood industry, tourism, timber, mining and construction, according to the study by the University of Alaska Institute for Social and Economic Research.

Only government and oil have a bigger payroll than the amount of money the state mails to its citizens simply for being residents of Alaska, the study found.

The cheques mailed to all eligible Alaskans every fall represent a major source of purchasing power and supports the economy to the tune of \$4,600 jobs, the university report said.

Researcher Oliver Scott Goldsmith characterised the cash giveaways as "one of the basic industries of the state."

The money comes from earnings of the permanent fund, a trust that now holds \$10.5 billion and which was created by Alaska voters to protect the financial future of the state when the state oil fields run dry. Alaska's chief source of revenue comes from taxes, leases and royalties on state oil producing lands. At least 25 per cent of that revenue goes in the permanent fund.

Italian designer Armani quits Lanvin

PARIS, Sept 30, (Reuters) Classic French fashion house Lanvin is still scouting for talent after Italy's multi-millionaire designer Giorgio Armani reluctantly turned down an offer to revamp the Lanvin label.

The silver-haired stylist, 55, had said he was very excited by the prospect of working for Lanvin but on Thursday acknowledged his own ready-to-wear men's, women's and children's lines in Italy kept him fully occupied.

"I feel I have too many commitments," he told reporters.

Lanvin, in the middle of a modernisation drive spearheaded by new chairman Leon Bressler, is currently negotiating with several other possible candidates.

Plastic engine heads inventions 1989

CHICAGO, Sept 30, (UPI) A plastic internal combustion engine, a no-calorie flour substitute, a five-minute test for AIDS and a computer mouse that provides braille readouts were among 100 inventions cited on Thursday as the top technological advancements of 1989.

This year's winners of Rand 100 awards — presented annually by Research and Development magazine — included an unusually large number of inventions that are likely to affect the everyday lives of consumers in the 1990s.

The list includes a non-calorie flour substitute developed by J. Michael Gould of the Department of Agriculture's northern regional research centre at Peoria, Illinois.

"It makes it possible to bake reduced-calorie breads and increase the fibre content of frostings, pie fillings, puddings and snack foods," Gould said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Centre in Hampton, Virginia, developed a braille mouse — a computer read-out attachment that enables the visually impaired to read text stored in computers.

"This should allow the visually impaired an opportunity to fill jobs in the computer and word-processing fields," said H. Douglas Garner, who developed the device.

Polimotor 234, a plastic internal combustion

engine, will be used mostly in portable generators, marine and military engines and military aircraft. It delivers the same horsepower as its cast-iron counterpart, which is 100 pounds (45 kg) heavier.

The Polimotor 234 was developed by Mathew Holtsberg as part of a joint project by Rogers Corp. of Manchester, Connecticut, and Polimotor Inc., of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Among the winners in the medical field was Hivchek — a rapid and accurate test for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which can cause AIDS.

Developed jointly by E.I. Dupont de

Nemours and Co., of Wilmington, Delaware, and E.Y. Laboratories Inc. of San Mateo, California, the test was designed for use in Third World countries. It takes just five minutes and can be performed anywhere. Its use requires little training and no special equipment.

Another winner in the medical field was a non-invasive oxygen-measuring system to prevent brain damage to newborn infants. The product — developed jointly by Hamamatsu Photonic Systems Corp. of Bridgewater, New Jersey and England's University College in London, transmits light through the head to measure and calculate the amount of oxygen reaching the brain.

High rent 'His Nibs' forced to close

LONDON Sept 30, (AP) His Nibs is closing shop, and with him goes another little piece of England.

Philip Poole, London's favourite purveyor of pens, nibs and Peacock Feathers, is giving up his Drury Lane shop in the heart of London's theatre district, forced out by a rent hike from £6,200 (\$9,900) per year to £20,000 (\$32,000). It may be inevitable in this age of super markets, word processors and ballpoint pens. But to lovers of tradition and good service, it is a tragedy. The closure of Philip Poole's is being recorded wistfully in newspapers and television, and customers are flocking in to buy up supplies for the lean years ahead.

Poole, 79, is so well-known in his field that he is nicknamed His Nibs. For 56 years he has sold and repaired pens for cartoonists, artists and practitioners and penmanship. But the store that bears Poole's name sits on some of the choicest real estate in London, and a sudden tripling of the rent is not unusual.

"Everyone's desperately sorry," said Maureen Greenland, the secretary of the 300-member Writing Equipment Society, which Poole founded in 1979 and still chairs.

"He's one of the old school, with an old-fashioned shop with reasonable prices and a unique kind of service. He has perfect background knowledge of the history of writing equipment," Ms Greenland said.

With eight weeks to move, Poole is selling the remains of an inventory of 5,000 fountain pens and 500,000 pen tips. He says his future plans are uncertain, but he doesn't want to retire.

He modestly admits there's no shop quite like Philip Poole's where each sale is entered into a spiral notebook and mahogany drawers holding thousands of tiny pen nibs occupy all available surfaces.

'Farewell to Arms' endings on display

BOSTON, Sept 30, (UPI) It seems so simple so sad, and most of all, so effortless.

The ending to "A Farewell to Arms," that famous walk in the rain back to the hotel, seems so smooth that Ernest Hemingway must have written it in one take between shots at some local tavern.

Wrong.

Hemingway laboured for six months over the ending to his second novel, writing scores of different finales before settling on the version that appeared in print in September 1929.

"There's this image of Hemingway as a raucous, drinking guy and not a guy sitting so carefully at his desk and slaving over the ending. Most people would instead picture Hemingway dashing the ending off and going out to catch a Marin," said Lisa Mendenhall, assistant to the curator of the Hemingway collection at the John F. Kennedy library.

"I rewrote the last chapter over 40 times, but I hope it does not read that way," Hemingway wrote to an associate in 1932.

An exhibit of some of the 44 pages of draft endings, mostly handwritten, goes on display on Wednesday at the Hemingway collection, perhaps Boston's best-kept secret despite its 10,000 Hemingway photographs and thousands of priceless documents.

Incognito army roach wins title

'Toughest cockroach'

ORLANDO, Florida, Sept 30, (UPI) A cockroach from an undisclosed army installation in Connecticut outlasted roaches from four Florida cities and the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday to capture the "toughest cockroach" title.

The bugs were bombarded for hours with four different pesticides at a training seminar for the Florida Pest Control Association in a light-hearted illustration of how bugs are fighting human attempts to control them with chemicals.

"What's been happening is people from all over the country are calling to say they're being held hostage in their kitchens and bedrooms at night by cockroaches that are resistant to pesticides," said urban pest expert Phil Koehler.

The contest was sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and the University of Florida, home of

major cockroach research by Koehler and other entomologists.

The winniest roach came from Orlando, but that was expected because in the 36 years since its discovery, the species has never been exposed to chemicals. Instead, generations of the bug have been kept pristine and sold for research all over the world.

"These are not real world cockroaches. They have been cloistered away in a convent all these years," explained roach researcher Tom Atkinson.

The next easiest to kill was the bug from the Halls of Congress. "HRDC," as it's known, actually was found in Washington six years ago. Roaches from Daytona Beach and Jacksonville lasted about the same amount of time. A Gainesville bug was runner up to the army roach.

MOSCOW: The Soviet daily Pravda today said a woman and her 15-year-old daughter spent 20 days in the Siberian Taiga without food or fire.

Nadezhda Khrushchinskaya and her daughter Yelena, who were visiting relatives in the Tyumen region, got lost while berry-picking.

By nightfall they had lost all hope of finding their way home and spent the night in the forest. Attempts on subsequent days yielded no success. They did not meet a soul, except for elk.

Local authorities formed a rescue group of militia and hunters, but they failed to find the two women.

After 20 days, the exhausted and ragged Khrushchinskaya and her daughter heard engine sounds and soon saw some wood-toppers from Shchuchye village.

It turned out that the two had been walking along a huge swamp that is infamous among the local population. (Kuna)

STOCKHOLM: A 60-year-old Swede with a heart disorder must choose whether to lose his disability pension or take a bicycle test his doctor says may kill him. Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter reported Friday.

The regional social insurance office in Orebro, west Sweden, has demanded that Johannes Pind, 60, undergoes a bicycle test to prove his claim for early retirement.

Pind, who has had three heart attacks, has refused citing his doctor's report which says his heart is so weak he may die if he's forced up on the bicycle. (UPI)

CHICAGO: Roseanne Barr is on the road to hawk her new autobiography, "Roseanne: My Life as a Woman." She and her boyfriend, writer-comedian Tom Arnold, were in Chicago for promotion work, which included an appearance on Oprah. (UPI)

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Runcie (left) is greeted by Pope John Paul II as he arrives in the Vatican. (Reuters wirephoto)



Angry Protestants hold a placard demonstration to picket the departure of Runcie to meet the Pope. (Reuters wirephoto)

Paisley stages protest

Runcie meets Pope

VATICAN CITY, Sept 30, (Reuters): Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie's historic visit to the Vatican ended today when Northern Ireland preacher Ian Paisley staged a protest outside the Anglican leader's Rome residence.

Runcie told the Pope at a morning meeting that the divided Anglican and Roman Catholic churches were like an engaged couple who could not raise the courage to get married.

But when the archbishop returned to his residence after the papal meeting, the outspoken Paisley was waiting outside handing out leaflets condemning Runcie's visit and papal claims to primacy as "monstrous and blasphemous."

"This visit of the archbishop is an act of betrayal. He is engaged in an act of treason... a lawless action because if he succeeds the Queen is dethroned," Paisley told reporters.

Reconciliation between Roman Catholics and Anglicans is the main theme of Runcie's visit, his first to the Vatican. He caused a stir in England when he said he was willing to accept some form of papal primacy in an eventual reunited church.

Queen Elizabeth II is the titular head of the Church of England.

Runcie and Paisley stared at each other for a few seconds as the archbishop got into a car to take him back to the Vatican for lunch with the Pope.

Runcie and his delegation had already held talks for an hour with the Pope and other church officials in the pontiff's study.

In his address at a gift exchanging ceremony after the talks, Runcie spoke of a theologian who compared communion to "an engaged couple... never daring enough to get married."

Koevoet police to disband

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Sept. 30, (AP): More than 1,000 black policemen who served in a notorious counter-insurgency unit are being dropped from the force at the insistence of United Nations officials, the territory's administrator announced.

Since the UN began monitoring the Southwest African territory's transition to independence, UN observers have been calling for removal of members of the "Koevoet" unit from the police force.

Members of the 1,150-man unit, including white officers, were accused of atrocities during the 23-year bush war between South Africa and the South-West African People's Organisation. Supporters of Swapo in northern Namibia continued to accuse members of "Koevoet"—which means "crowbar" in the Afrikaans language—of harassment and intimidation after a cease-fire went into effect.

■ **Mozambique:** Mozambique has toughened its stand against right-wing rebels, unveiling new pre-conditions for direct peace talks aimed at ending 14 years of civil war.

Grasshoppers take over Mali

BAMAKO, Mali, Sept 30, (AP): The Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday that an invasion of grasshoppers from Senegal and Mauritania was sweeping across this Sahelian nation threatening the harvest of cereal crops.

The entire country, with the exception of the south, is affected and the insects were ravaging everything in their path, the ministry said in a statement.

Schools for all races to get help

Shift in SA policy

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 30, (AP): The government for the first time is willing to take responsibility for multiracial schools, either running them directly or providing 100 per cent subsidies, a senior official said yesterday.

Most public schools would remain segregated, but the new approach would benefit families in certain urban neighbourhoods that are in the process being declared multiracial. Most of these areas have been integrated for years despite laws mandating a residential segregation.

Piet Claes, minister of white education, announced the new policy after a meeting on Thursday with a delegation of people trying to prevent the closure of Johannesburg Girls High School. Enrollment has declined sharply at the whites-only school, and a committee of parents, teachers and students has started a campaign to save the facility by opening it to all races.

Claes said the government had a responsibility to provide

education in so-called "free settlement areas"—the official term for the neighbourhoods that will be designated multiracial.

He said the committee seeking to save Johannesburg Girls High School had two options: it could transform the school into a 100 per cent state-subsidized private school, or it could apply to have the school's neighbourhood become a free settlement area.

Mike Ellis, education spokesman for the anti-apartheid Democratic Party, said Claes's statement represented a "dramatic shift in policy."

Beeld, a pro-government newspaper, said in an editorial on Thursday that it would make no sense to allow mixed residential areas unless the government allowed mixed public schools in those areas.

At present, black, mixed-race and Indian children living in multiracial areas must either attend private schools or travel long distances to segregated public schools in outlying townships.

New York mayoral race heats up following candidate's advertisement

NEW YORK, Sept. 30, (AP): New York City mayoral candidate Rudolph Giuliani has ignited the flashpoint of city politics, flaring racial and religious tensions as he struggles to wrest Jewish voters from his black democratic opponent.

While Giuliani's first-time candidacy has been dogged by missteps, the latest controversy is heightened by his unabashed intent to win Jewish votes by linking his opponent, David Dinkins, with black presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson.

"It is a naked effort to play on Jewish fears," rabbi

Balfour Brickner, a liberal Jewish leader, said yesterday. "The net effect of what he's doing is to increase racial polarization. It's a contemptible low blow."

At issue is an advertisement placed by Giuliani in this week's edition of the city's largest-circulation Yiddish newspaper, the *Algemeiner Journal*. It shows two photos: In one, Giuliani, a Republican, with President George Bush, in the other, Dinkins, the Manhattan Borough president, with Jackson.

The text says: "Let the people of New York

choose their own destiny."

The ad intensified a rift in the Jewish community, which made up the largest proportion of white voters for Dinkins in the Sept 12 primary, when he unseated three-term incumbent Mayor Edward Koch.

On one side are critics such as Brickner, who said the ad plays unfairly on Jewish suspicions of Jackson, a Democrat who supports Palestinian self-determination and once called New York "hymietown," for which he later apologized.

Giuliani "suspects that Jews hate Jesse Jackson and he's playing on that hatred and that fear," said Brickner. Dinkins, he noted, has a history of supporting Israel, Soviet Jewry and other Jewish causes.

Yet others, such as El Blachman, associate editor of the *Algemeiner Journal*, called the ad fair play. "It shows who Giuliani is surrounded with and who Dinkins is surrounded with," he said. "There's no words of racism. It just says the people have to decide."

Nobel peace prize winner chosen

OSLO, Sept 30, (AP): Operating in secrecy and oblivious to the pleas of well-intentioned lobbyists, a five-member committee has chosen the winner of the 1989 Nobel peace prize and will announce its selection Thursday.

Until then, don't bother to ask who won. As usual, the winner of the 70th peace prize will be kept secret until the formal announcement, despite a stream of telephone calls from the curious, said Jakob Svendrup, director of Norway's Nobel Institute.

"It doesn't do any good... We never tell," he said in an interview.

Each year, Norway's news media tries to guess the winner. This year bets are on Czech human rights activists Jiri Hajak or Vaclav Havel, also a noted writer, imprisoned South African black leader Nelson Mandela, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev or former US President Ronald Reagan.

"This year's choice will be criticized... They always are," Svendrup said. The prize will be presented in Oslo on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the 1896 death of benefactor Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.

Last year, the prize went to the United

Nations peacekeeping forces. Other recent winners were Poland's Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mother Teresa of India.

There have been 19 years in which no prize was awarded.

The selection committee is not swayed by lobbyists or by thousands of letters promoting favorites among candidates, of which there are 90 this year, Svendrup said.

"We look at some letters, but rise above that kind of influence and look at other criteria," said committee chairman Egil Aarvik.

The prize, first awarded in 1901, is worth \$385,000 this year.

Most people who lobby the committee seek the prestige of the prize for their candidate or organization.

But some have less noble motives.

The Nobel laureate is chosen by five-member committee, which is elected by the Norwegian Parliament to six-year terms. The institute, which has five permanent employees, maintains a library and provides the committee with meeting rooms and research facilities.

Appeal to fight terror jointly

SANTA MONICA, California,

Sept 30, (AP): Former CIA and KGB spies agreed after a remarkable meeting that one man's terrorist isn't another man's freedom fighter, and called for a US-Soviet effort to combat "morally reprehensible" violence.

"Practical steps must be taken to combat the danger of international terrorism and eliminate the conditions under which it has operated with impunity," Lieut. Gen. Florid Sherbak, former deputy chief of the Soviet KGB's second directorate, said yesterday at the end of the weeklong conference.

Ray Cline, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1962 to 1966, agreed.

"We have a common interest in knocking this thing off... This very dangerous phenomenon is tearing at the fabric of international civilization," Cline said.

The meeting of more than 20 members of the private US-Soviet task force to prevent terrorism was held behind closed doors at the Rand Corp., a Santa Monica-based research group.

The task force also included US and Soviet academics and journalists, as well as William Colby, a former CIA director, and Maj. Gen. Valentin Zverevskov, former counterterrorism chief of the KGB, the Soviet secret police and intelligence agency.

Participants announced 30 recommendations they will pass to their respective governments for future co-operation.

"The old line that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter is absolutely wrong," he said. "One man's terrorist is another man's terrorist."

Cline said there are clear definitions of illegal terrorist acts—kidnappings, the taking of hostages and bombings of planes, for example.

Such acts are "wrong legally, and morally reprehensible," he said.

"We recognize there is such a thing as acts of terrorism that are directed against universal human values: international relations, national sovereignty, and the greatest value of all, human life," said Evgeny Likhov, an official of the Soviet Ministry of Interior, which is roughly equivalent to the US Justice Department.

A complete list of the task force's recommendations was not released because they are in draft form and many will be more effective if they are privately conveyed to both governments, said Brian Jenkins, a Rand Corp. expert on terrorism.

But a news release and conference participants said they included:

- Expansion of existing US-Soviet nuclear crisis control centres to exchange information and deal with terrorist threats to use biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

- Increased co-operation to prevent and investigate airplane bombings and aid the release of hostages held by terrorists, particularly in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

- Agreement by both nations to refuse to train terrorists or provide non-government groups with plastic explosives, nuclear materials, surface-to-air missiles or other weapons useful to terrorists.

- Co-operation to restrict the laundering of drug money; to exchange information on drug production, smuggling and distribution in Latin America and Southwest Asia; and to explore providing assistance to Peru, Colombia and other nations on the front lines of the war against "narcoterrorism."



A Los Angeles police officer stands guard in front of part of the 20 tonnes of cocaine seized. (Reuters wirephoto)

Call for more anti-drug aid

World's biggest cocaine bust

LOS ANGELES, Sept 30, (Agencies): The world's biggest cocaine bust has prompted renewed calls for more anti-drug aid to southern California, described by the region's top federal narcotics agent as "the cocaine capital of the United States."

The 20 tons of cocaine seized was worth \$2 billion wholesale and could have brought up to \$20 billion on the street if heavily diluted and sold in smokable crack "rocks," authorities said yesterday.

That would be more than double the \$3.4 billion the US Senate approved this week to fight the war on drugs next year—and enough to provide the three million residents of Los Angeles a "rock" a day.

Authorities speculated that the huge size of the haul could indicate that Colombia's crackdown on drug lords may have forced the rival Medellin and Cali cartels to combine their distribution networks.

The raid on Thursday night, at a warehouse in a quiet light industrial area 25 miles (40 kilometres) northwest of downtown, also yielded three arrests, extensive records of dealers and at least \$10 million in cash stuffed in boxes.

In addition to the three men arrested in Los Angeles, the Las Vegas Sun reported today that three others were arrested by DEA agents at an expensive Las Vegas hotel yesterday in connection with the drug seizure. The men, one of them a former Mexican customs official, were arrested for investigation of importation and distribution of narcotics, the newspaper said.

DEA night duty officers in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., said they could not comment on the report, and Las Vegas police said they had no information about any additional arrests.

"I've been on this job for 25 years, and I've never seen so much dope in one place. I couldn't believe it," said John M. Zienter, the Drug Enforcement Administration's special agent in charge for Los Angeles.

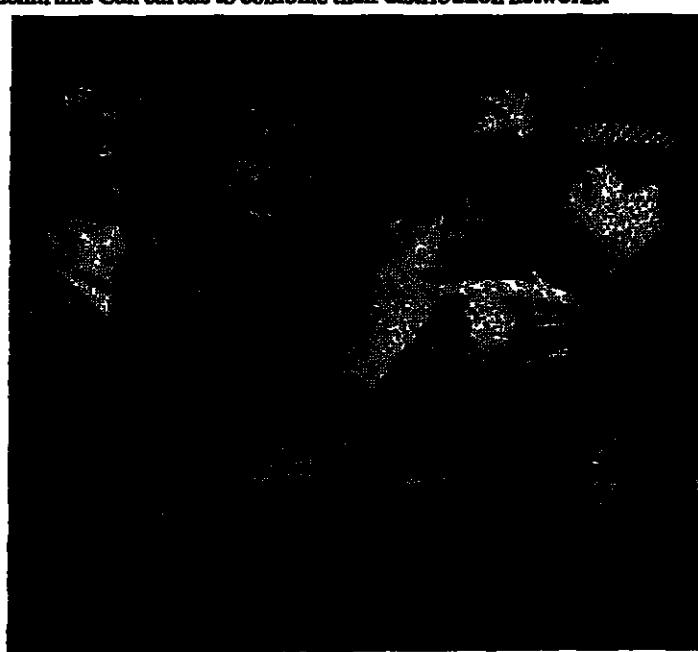
"This narcotics seizure of the largest amount of cocaine in the world should put to rest any further speculation about whether or not Los Angeles has in fact become the cocaine capital of the United States," Zienter said.

DEA administrator Jack Lawn said the seizure "is an example of the tremendous magnitude of the cocaine problem throughout the United States."

But he and other officials in Washington said it was unclear if most cocaine now enters the country through Los Angeles.

■ A teen-ager accused of selling crack cocaine across the street from the White House was ordered jailed without bond yesterday.

■ An admitted drug trafficker, described by law enforcement officials as one of the world's largest heroin smugglers, will serve 27 years in prison with no possibility of parole. Johnny Kon, 46, was sentenced to the lengthy prison term.



A resident of Broadwater farm is arrested by police. (Reuters wirephoto)

24 held in raid

London police seize drugs

LONDON, Sept 30, (Agencies): At least 24 people were arrested when 200 police raided a North London housing estate in a massive drugs crackdown on Friday.

Officers arrived in unmarked furniture trucks and streamed into the Broadwater farm estate, scene of 1985 riots in which a police officer was murdered. Some wore riot gear while others were equipped with sledgehammers to break down doors. Sniffer dogs helped find drugs including bags of cocaine, police said.

Police said they raided because violent dealers had been selling drugs openly in front of children.

Commander David Stevens said: "We will take out the violence and drug dealers on behalf of those people who live there."

■ A Soviet customs official testified yesterday in the trial of four alleged drug smugglers, who were arrested in 1989 after a rare instance of co-operation between British and Soviet authorities.

Vladimir Skripnik, who described his job as "deputy head of the department for combating contraband and violation of customs laws of the USSR state customs administration," testified on the opening day of the trial.

Three of the defendants were charged with drug smuggling and one with money laundering. Three others who were arrested pleaded guilty to charges.

Prosecuting attorney Brian Leary said the case's success was the outcome of the British-Soviet summit in March 1987, when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to co-operate in combating the drug trade. The two nations subsequently concluded a treaty pledging such co-operation.

In August 1987, Leary said, Soviet agents had discovered 3.5 tons of cannabis resin in two cases of hoarse root that had entered the Soviet Union from Afghanistan, and were destined for London.

Bogota drug baron in net

BOGOTA, Sept 30, (AP): Colombia plans to extradite a second drug suspect to the United States, news reports said today, and officials in Ecuador said they had arrested an alleged leader of the powerful Medellin cartel.

Meanwhile, police reported seven explosions yesterday in the capital and the western cocaine centre of Cali, despite tougher security measures.

In Ecuador, police said Evaristo Porras Ardila was arrested on Thursday and would be extradited to Colombia after an investigation was completed.

A press spokesman for the Colombian embassy said Porras Ardila was sought by the United States on drug trafficking charges.

Another Colombian official, who asked not to be identified, described Porras Ardila as one of Colombia's "eight most important" narcotics traffickers.

Porras Ardila, accused of being involved in the assassination of outspoken anti-drug journalist Guillermo Cano, has been under arrest twice in Colombia, but was released by judges both times. In the past 10 years, 220 court employees, including 41 judges, have been killed, most by cocaine traffickers attempting to control the justice system through intimidation.

El Tiempo, Colombia's largest daily, reported today that the justice ministry yesterday told another drug trafficking suspect Ana Helena Rodriguez, that she would be extradited to the US to face charges in Florida.

Ms. Rodriguez would have until next Friday to appeal. She faces charges of cocaine trafficking and money laundering.

She would be the second Colombian extradited to the US since President Virgilio Barco ordered government security forces six weeks ago to crush two powerful drug cartels.

Eduardo Martinez Romero was flown to Atlanta Sept 6 to face charges of laundering drug money.

Barco at the United Nations, called for a world-wide effort to seize traffickers' assets.

In a dramatic speech to the UN General Assembly yesterday Barco urged all nations to sign the Vienna convention on narcotics trafficking, which provides penalties for users such as a seizure of ships on the high seas and confiscation of property.

"A new world war is being waged by an aggressor untrained by the traditional rules of engagement or by the responsibilities of national sovereignty," Barco told the world body. "There must be no safe haven for the narco-terrorists," he said to loud applause.

Security forces in Bogota intensified their searches yesterday for cars for guns and explosives. Four government-run schools were bombed last evening.

A fifth blast in the capital occurred at a bank branch.

Fierce fighting in Cambodia Rebels claim major victory

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, Sept 30, (AP): Non-communist Cambodian guerrillas claimed today to have scored their biggest victory in 10 years with the capture of three towns and 10 other positions from the pro-Vietnamese government.

The claims, which could not be confirmed by independent sources, came less than a week after Vietnam said its last troops had pulled out of Cambodia, where they had fought the guerrillas for more than a decade.

Abdulla Far Peang-Meth, spokesman for the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, said 5,000 fighters launched coordinated attacks against five towns and other positions along highway-69, which parallels the Thai-Cambodian border in northwestern Cambodia.

A second non-communist group, loyal to resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, said it had joined the KPNLF in a "general offensive" and had taken part in some of the fighting today.

A Sihanoukist spokesman, Bounthuy Ung, said the feared communist Khmer Rouge were not fighting alongside the other two groups. The three are aligned in a loose Sihanouk-led coalition fighting the Cambodian government.

A Western relief official based in Aranyaprathet said heavy shelling could be heard near that key border town from early morning.

He said the vast KPNLF refugee camp of Site-2, about 50 kms (30 miles) to the north, had been closed to relief workers for fear of possible retaliation by government gunners.

Site-2 is the largest refugee camp on the border, housing 140,000 people.

"We will know more in the next couple of days. At the moment it is difficult to judge how much is true and how much is propaganda," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In apparent moves to increase border security, Thai forces began moving tanks and artillery along the border.

The acting KPNLF commander-in-chief Gen. Dien Del claimed his soldiers knocked out a number of tanks, overran 10 Phnom Penh Army positions flanking highway-69 and seized the district capital of Thmar Puok, which the Vietnamese army had left six days ago.

Bounthuy Ung said 360 Sihanoukist fighters had taken part in the capture of Thmar Puok, which he said was occupied after six hours of combat. He also claimed that the group's forces had taken Phnom Srok, a district seat about 60 kms (38 miles) inside Cambodia from the Thai border.

At the town of Banteay Chmar, which Dien Del said was also seized, the KPNLF captured a warehouse containing 1,000 weapons.

Marcos left wealth to Filipinos: Imelda

Lawyer knows nothing about a will

HONOLULU, Sept 30, (Reuters): Former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos intended to leave his vast wealth to the Filipino people, according to his widow Imelda.

"In his last will and testament, he commits his worldly possessions to the service of the Filipino people," Imelda said late on Thursday at an extraordinary news conference beside her husband's coffin.

But associates of the Marcos family were not certain how the deceased leader wished to dispose of the riches which he allegedly accumulated

through graft and corruption during his 20 years in power.

Asked about a bequest to the Filipino people, attorney John Bartko said: "We have not conducted a search and I am not aware of anything of the kind of character you have described."

Bartko said Imelda was referring to the Marcos Foundation, which Marcos founded and funded many years ago to support cultural, scientific and educational efforts in his homeland.

Bartko said he did not know how much money was left to the foundation, or whether Marcos even had a will. The lawyer said the

Marcos' support declined steadily

MANILA, Sept 30, (AP): Support for Ferdinand Marcos, who died in exile on Thursday, has dwindled steadily since he was ousted in a civilian-military uprising three years ago, and few believe his followers are strong enough to topple his successor, Corazon Aquino.

Still President Aquino refuses to allow Marcos, who died in Hawaii, to be buried at home because she said the funeral might trigger "destabilisation efforts."

Her adamant stand reflects a fear among senior officials that Marcos' well-financed followers can create enough trouble to discredit the government and discourage foreign investors needed to help rebuild the country's debt-ridden economy.

In a country where public opinion surveys are notoriously unreliable, it is difficult to determine the extent of support for Marcos. He ruled this country for 20 years, longer than any Philippine president, but ran in only four elections, three of which were tainted by fraud.

Marcos claimed victory over Mrs Aquino in elections in 1986, but the opposition said there had been widespread fraud and Mrs Aquino became president after a popular revolt.

The results of elections held since 1986—as well as the turnout in recent pro-Marcos rallies—indicate a decline in the number of hardcore Marcos supporters.

After the February 1986 uprising that toppled Marcos, the late president's followers could muster up to 10,000 people for rallies demanding the return of the man they considered their legitimate president.

But in recent months, Marcos loyalists have been able to attract only a few hundred participants. Many are middle-aged men and women from Marcos' northern Luzon island stronghold.

None of the candidates clearly identified as Marcos supporters won election to the Senate in the May 1987 congressional balloting. Nineteen avowed pro-Marcos politicians were elected to the 200-member House of Representatives. House members were elected by district, and the Marcoses showed that indicates scattered pockets of support for him remain, particularly in northern Luzon and parts of Mindanao, the second largest island.

Marcos supporters are organized into about 30 different factions, including the "Ako'y Filipino," or "I am a Filipino" group, and the New Society Movement, the party Marcos organised.

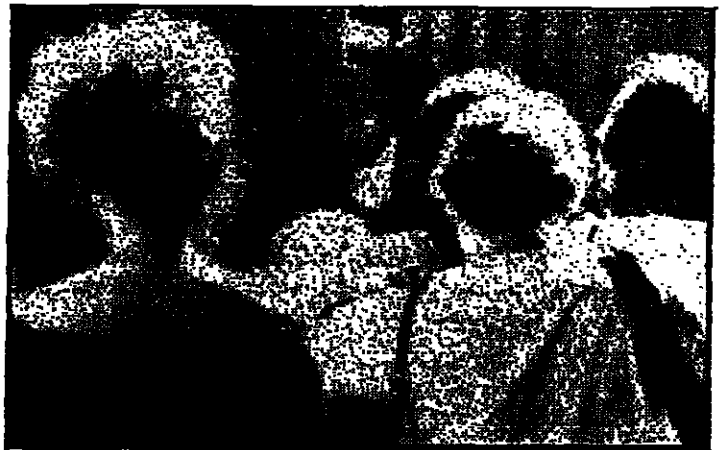
One source with close ties to the Marcos movement, speaking on condition of anonymity, estimated that up to a million of the 58 million Filipinos were either members of pro-Marcos groups or supported them.

If the source is correct, there is a sizeable political base for those who can exploit the Marcos legacy. Candidates for the Marcos mantle include Vice-President Salvador Laurel, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and Eduardo Cojuangco, Mrs Aquino's estranged cousin who fled to California after Marcos was overthrown.

Division within the Marcos camp may be in part responsible for the delay in organising the protests that were widely anticipated after Marcos' death.

After Marcos' ouster, the peak of the loyalists movement was the June 1986 takeover of the Manila hotel. Troops loyal to Marcos seized the hotel and declared the former president's 1986 running mate, Arturo Tolentino, as acting president.

The mutineers, who were receiving instructions by telephone from Marcos, surrendered about 40 hours later. In January 1987, pro-Marcos troops seized a radio-television station and held out for about 60 hours before surrendering.



Mourners comfort Imelda

Mourners streamed to the exile home of former president Ferdinand Marcos yesterday to view his body and comfort his widow who denounced Philippine President Corazon Aquino's decision to deny him burial in his homeland as "too cruel, so inhuman and immoral, and so wrong."

A guard screened would-be visitors through a small opening at the front gate of Marcos estate Sept 29.

Picture shows a guard screening would be mourners. (Reuters wirephoto)

Army-rebel clash

16 Filipinos killed

MANILA, Sept 30, (AP): At least 16 people have been killed in clashes between communist rebels and government forces during the past five days, the military reported yesterday.

In the latest incident, unidentified armed men yesterday killed two provincial officials and two security escorts on the outskirts of the city of Kidapawan in north Cotabato province, about 960 kilometres (600 miles) south of Manila, the military said.

Another official was wounded in the ambush. Lt. Col. Antonio Sanchez, Philippine constabulary deputy provincial commander, said the officials and their escorts were on their way to the capital to attend a provincial board meeting when the ambush took place.

Sanchez said the gunmen, armed with automatic rifles, opened fire as the vehicle passed along an isolated stretch of the national highway, about 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the provincial capital.

N. Korea proposes Seoul rejects

SEOUL, Sept 30, (AP): South Korea yesterday rejected as "obsolete" the latest North Korean proposal for talks among political and social leaders of the two Koreas on national unification.

"The proposal is obsolete and has nothing new in it," said Choi Byong-Bo, spokesman for the government's National Unification Board.

Choi said the North Korean proposal, broadcast by Pyongyang and monitored in Tokyo Thursday, repeats an idea expressed by the North's leader, Kim Il Sung, in his new year message.

The latest North Korean proposal calls for Seoul and Pyongyang to hold a joint meeting of 60 political and social leaders, equally divided between them, on Feb 20 next year to work out a new unification formula.

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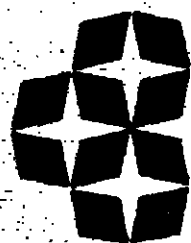
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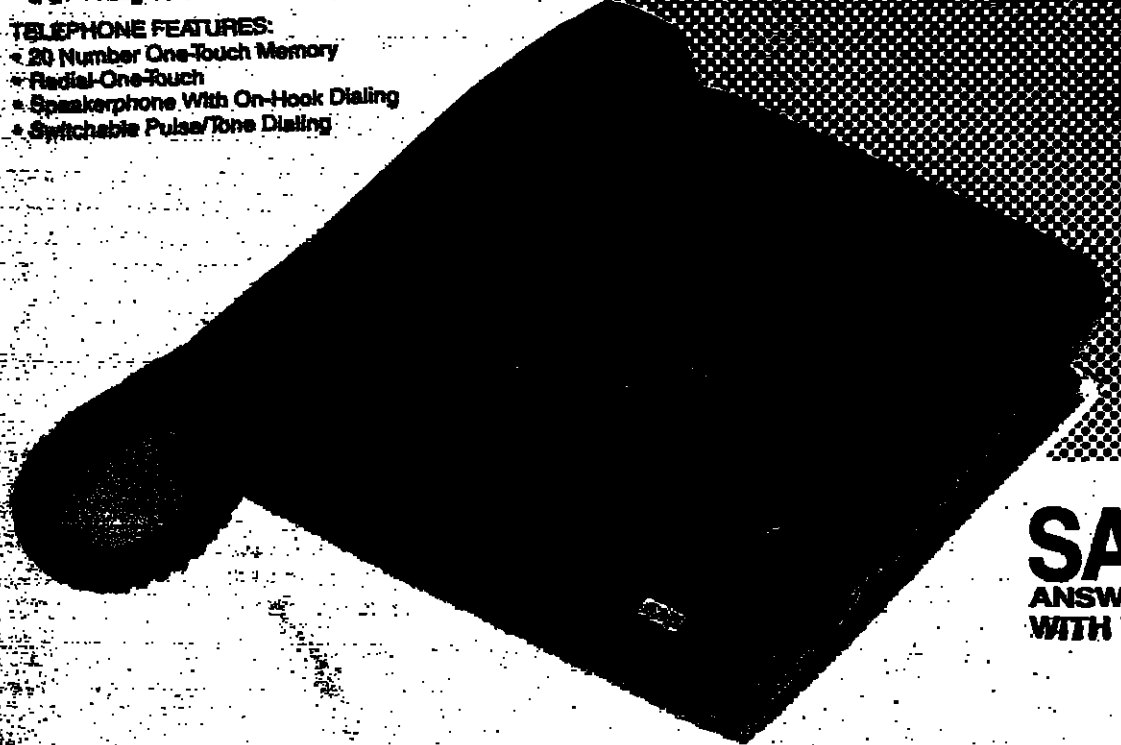
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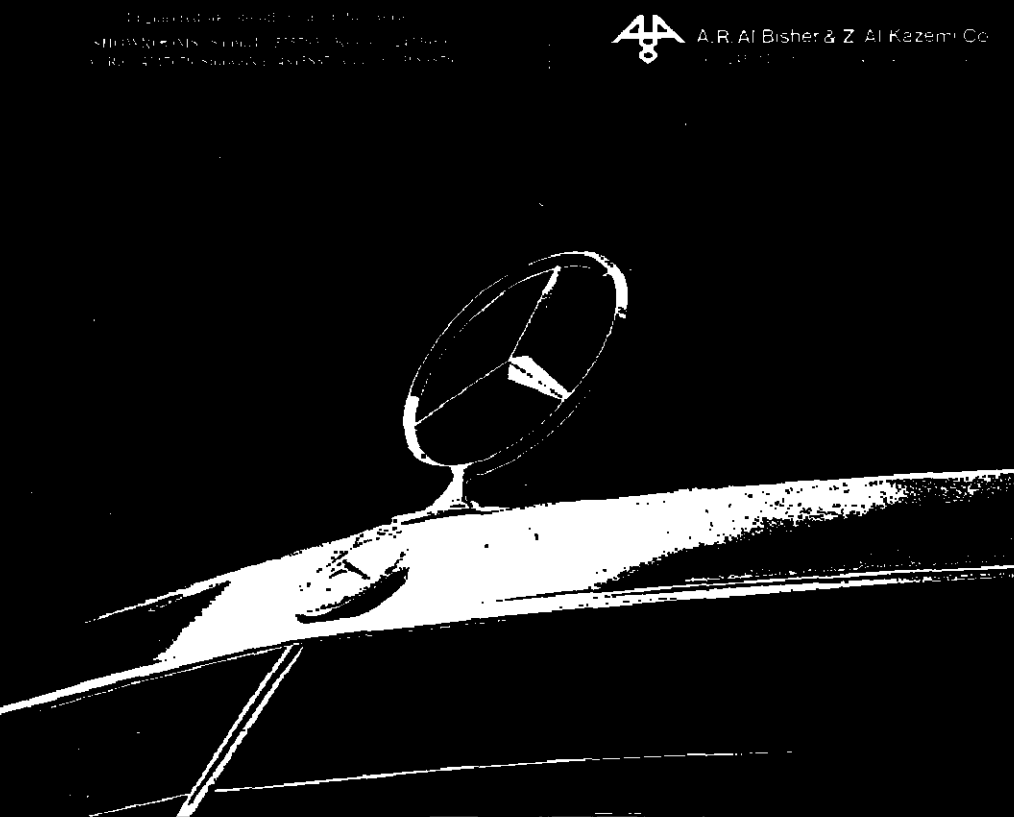


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INTERNATIONAL

Benazir begins sentimental visit to Dhaka

DHAKA, Sept 30, (Reuters): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrives in Bangladesh tomorrow on a sentimental three-day visit coinciding with her country rejoining the Commonwealth after 17 years.

Pakistan, which becomes the Commonwealth's 49th member state, quit

the association of former British colonies in 1972 when its leading members recognised Bangladesh as an independent state.

(Bhutto) comes here on a sentimental and auspicious occasion," said Reaz Hossain Khokar, Pakistan's Ambassador in Dhaka.

A senior Bangladeshi official said that because Bangladesh's statehood was the reason Pakistan quit the organisation, "it is good that the Pakistani prime minister is coming here on the day her country rejoins the Commonwealth."

It will be 37-year-old Benazir's first

visit to Bangladesh, known as East Pakistan until it broke from Pakistan after nine months of guerrilla war in 1971 with Indian support.

Her father, former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, came to Dhaka in 1974 and the late Pakistani president Zia-ul-Haq visited Bangladesh twice.

Politicians here accused Pakistan of killing at least three million Bangladeshis before its army surrendered to Indian troops.

Khokar said the two countries had forged economic and social ties over the last 18 years and had put bitter memories behind them.

"I honestly feel that the wounds of 1971 have been healed, although some scars could still be there. So the visit will try to do some plastic surgery," he said.

Bangladeshi officials said Benazir would receive a warm reception because she symbolised the return of democracy to Pakistan.

Don't poke nose: China

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (Agencies): China's foreign minister used the forum of the UN General Assembly yesterday to warn Western countries to stop trying to interfere in China's internal affairs or risk harming relations.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, in the first address to the General Assembly since the Tiananmen Square violence in June, declared: "China has never feared, and will in no way bend to any foreign pressure."

He affirmed that China will adhere to its policy of reform and opening to the outside world, seeking sound relations with other countries.

But Qian delivered a long rebuke to unnamed Western countries and a discourse on the principles of peaceful coexistence, especially non-interference in internal affairs.

"China's relations with Western countries were on a course of steady development," he said. "However, difficulties of varying degrees have emerged over the past few months in our relations with certain Western countries."

The United States, Japan, the European Economic Community and other countries have reproached China for its suppression of the pro-democracy movement, which China insists was an anti-government rebellion. The United States has frozen some aspects of the relationship.

In speeches to the General Assembly this week, Britain and Japan criticised China, though the United States said nothing.

Qian asked whether China had encroached on the interests of foreign countries and answered, "No."

Qian said the pro-democracy movement that took hold in late spring and early summer in Beijing was aimed at subverting the socialist system, repeating a theme the government has used since the crackdown.

"It goes without saying that how to deal with this problem is China's internal affair."

Hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people died when Chinese troops crushed the pro-democracy movement. An unknown number of people since have been arrested and executed or imprisoned, as the government launched a campaign against protest leaders.

He said most governments understood China's actions.

"Only certain Western governments, ignoring the facts and basing themselves on nothing but distorted news reports and misinformation, levelled unwarranted charges against the Chinese government and applied pressure on it."

On Cambodia, Qian called for formation of a provisional coalition government headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and composed of all four factions in Cambodia, including the communist Khmer Rouge, which China has armed.

Most nations reject the return of the Khmer Rouge, the strongest of the rebel forces fighting the Vietnamese occupation. Talks on Cambodia are to resume, but no date has been set.

On Thursday, Qian met with British Foreign Secretary John Major to discuss the future of Hong Kong, a British colony which reverts to Chinese rule in 1997 under an agreement between Beijing and London.

Both sides described the meeting as useful and productive and said they had reaffirmed their commitment to the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, in Beijing, Premier Li Peng, marking communist China's 40th anniversary at ceremonies clouded by its crackdown on dissent, warned today the nation would not permit foreigners to use its reform and open-door policies for "infiltration and subversion."

In an address to a state reception on the eve of tomorrow's national day, the hard-line premier acknowledged worries about the country's future since the June suppression of the pro-democracy movement and pledged economic reform and opening would continue.



Colombo ceasefire

An elderly Muslim returns home after afternoon prayers in Colombo during army ceasefire in its operations against Sinhalese guerrillas. (Reuter wirephoto)

Flow of Germans continues

PRAGUE, Sept 30, (Reuters): The number of East Germans seeking asylum in Bonn's Prague embassy topped 3,000 this morning as Czechoslovakia's hardline communist rulers indicated they might help ease the situation in the overcrowded compound.

"We counted 3,398 people by 10:00 local time," one refugee inside the embassy said. "But more are coming in and we estimate the number will reach 4,000 by Sunday."

The Czechoslovak Communist Party daily Rude Pravo indicated today that Prague might respond to West German appeals to ease the rush in the embassy by offering some refugees other temporary accommodation.

"The problem at the moment is to find possibilities of housing this large number of people inside the embassy," the paper said.

But Bonn government sources said yesterday Prague had signalled willingness to transfer the refugees only if this concession were limited to East Germans already inside the embassy.

Czechoslovakia wanted to deter other East Germans from coming to Prague and expecting to stay in comfortable quarters while seeking emigration to West Germany, the sources said.

Rude Pravo said Czechoslovak and West German Red Cross representatives had held talks in Prague on the refugees, but gave no further details.

US envoy to India

WASHINGTON, Sept 30, (UPI): President Bush announced yesterday he is nominating William Clark Jr., a career diplomat, to be ambassador to India.

Clark, 58, is presently serving as deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the State Department. He previously served as deputy chief of mission in Tokyo and in Cairo.

If confirmed, he would succeed Ambassador John Randolph Hubbard.

China will deploy troops in Hong Kong after 1997

LONDON, Sept 30, (AP): British and Chinese officials today concluded three days of frank talks about Hong Kong's future, and China maintained that deployment of Red Army troops there after 1997 is an internal matter.

Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to the agreement under which Hong Kong is to retain its capitalist system for 50 years after the British colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

But they acknowledged at separate news conferences they disagree about events that have shaken Hong Kong's confidence in China's pledges.

The meeting of the joint liaison group was the first since the Chinese army's crackdown on pro-democracy students in Beijing in June. A scheduled meeting in July was cancelled.

"It was an unusual, not to say an exceptional meeting," said Robin McLaren, an undersecretary at the Foreign Office, and head of the British delegation.

There was some pretty straight talk. Each side set out very clearly its own view of the situation.

Both sides agreed that there is a problem of confidence in Hong Kong; we continue to differ about the cause of that situation.

Ke Zhaohuo, a Chinese ambassador leading his delegation, said: "I have to admit there are some major differences between us on matters of important principle."

Ke told reporters at the Chinese embassy in London that the right to post Red Army troops in Hong Kong is "symbolic of the sovereignty of China and is an internal affair of China."

He said suggestions that restrictions should be placed on the number of troops of the People's Liberation Army who could be sent to Hong Kong, or on the scope of their authority "are quite wrong."

World News

Europe

Judge orders identity check

A magistrate ordered experts yesterday to identify the nationality and type of missile believed to have downed an Italian airliner in 1980, killing all 81 people aboard.

Latest evidence has strengthened persistent speculation that the DC-9 was shot down in error by an Italian or foreign fighter pursuing a Libyan aircraft said to have been nearby.

Magistrate Vittorio Bucharelli, whose investigations into the mystery disaster have unleashed a political storm, told the crash and explosives experts to report back within two months. (Reuters)

Police, prison guards clash

Clashes between striking prison guards and riot police injured at least three people in a work dispute that has affected one-third of France's prisons since the beginning of the week, the Justice Ministry said yesterday.

Guards at the Fresnes Prison east of Paris battled with officers of the Compagnie Republique de Securite on Thursday night when the police tried to escort buses bringing new arrivals to the prison through barriers erected by the strikers.

Three police officers were injured in the clash, said a Justice Ministry official. (AP)

Pledge to reform

The new head of the Soviet Union's republic pledged in an interview published today to attack acute housing and food shortages that built up during the 17-year rule of his conservative predecessor.

Soviet President and Communist Party leader Mikhail Gorbachev, also interviewed by the party daily Pravda, gave lukewarm thanks to outgoing Ukrainian leader and conservative Politburo counterweight Vladimir V. Shcherbitsky, indicating the differences that have coloured their relation. (AP)

'Pigalle' composer dies

Danish singer-composer Georges Ulmer, whose 1947 song 'Pigalle' was a world-wide success, has died at age 70 in southern France, friends said Saturday.

Ulmer was born the son of a sculptor in 1919 in Denmark and his father died a year later. In 1934 he moved to Majorca with his mother and tried unsuccessfully to make his name as a boxer. After the Spanish civil war started he moved to Nice.

During his career Ulmer wrote more than 3,000 songs, was artistic director of cabarets in Marseille and Ajaccio and ran a restaurant at Cagnes-sur-Mer on the Cote d'Azur. (UPI)

Take heart fish eaters

Eating oily fish twice a week can cut the risk of dying from a heart attack by almost a third, it was reported in London yesterday.

The first proof that foods like mackerel and herring can save lives came in an official study of 2,000 male heart attack victims.

Half were advised to eat at least two portions of oily fish a week, while the others stuck to their normal diet.

After two years there had been 29 per cent fewer deaths among those eating fish.

The study published in yesterday's respected medical journal here, the Lancet, was led by Dr Michael Burr, of the Medical Research Council's epidemiology unit in Cardiff, Wales. (KUNA)

Treaty ready before summit

The Soviet Union agreed with the United States today that a treaty limiting underground nuclear tests would be ready before next year's planned superpower summit.

But Igor Palenikh, the chief Soviet delegate at bilateral talks resuming in Geneva on Monday did not think the forthcoming session would be the last.

He said major political issues had been solved in talks in the United States between the two countries' foreign ministers and only technical details remained to be ironed out. (Reuters)

Major to visit Moscow

British Foreign Secretary John Major accepted an invitation yesterday to visit the Soviet Union during the first half of 1990, a British source said.

The invitation was extended during a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who urged Major to visit Moscow to discuss Thatcher's support for Moscow's policies of reform. She recently stopped over in the Soviet capital on her way home from a visit to Tokyo.

Major also handed over a list of names of Soviet citizens refused exit visas and of Britons denied Soviet visas in what became a regular discussion of human rights issues. (Reuters)

Immigration law proposed

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government yesterday proposed a new law that would tighten immigration restrictions, as well as make it easier to deport any illegal immigrants or those with criminal backgrounds.

The legislation is also aimed at helping ease the integration into West German society of foreigners who are given the right to stay, said Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble.

But Schauble said better immigration rules and a "limiting of a further influx" is needed to ensure that West German hospitality is not overtaxed.

The bill applies only to non-German immigrants. (AP)

Reduction in air traffic

Allied civil air officials yesterday announced reductions in daily air traffic servicing West Berlin after that city's government demanded fewer flights to cut down on noise pollution.

Allied civil air attaches said nine daily round-trip flights were being dropped starting on Oct 29 — five from Frankfurt, two from Stuttgart and two from Cologne airports.

West Berlin's government, led by the left-leaning Social Democrats in coalition with the environmentalist alternative list, last month demanded that 36 daily round-trip flights be dropped from Tegel airports to cut down on jet-noise.

These are currently about 830 round-trip flights servicing West Berlin a week. (AP)

Mayor wins re-election

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Conservative Christian Democrats have co-operated for the first time with an extreme right-wing party, prompting sharp criticism from the opposition yesterday.

Local members of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) joined forces with representatives of the National Democratic Party



Crowe retiring

Retiring Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff William Crowe, left, tips his hat while walking with President George Bush and Defence Secretary Cheney during ceremonies Sept 29. (Reuters wirephoto)



Band marches again

The Royal Marines Band, the target of an IRA bomb attack a week ago, marched through town yesterday with 22 empty spaces in its formation honouring the band's dead and wounded.

The Marines staff band lined up to play again as the clock showed 8:23 am (07:23 GMT), the moment last Friday when an Irish Republican Army bomb demolished the bandmen's recreation block, killing 10 men.

The band, normally 70 strong, observed a two-minute silence near the spot where the bomb went off before setting off through Deal, 20 miles (32 kilometres) north of Dover.

Picture bottom shows Marine band colour-sergeant John O'Neill (left) and David Duxbury who were both injured in the blast. (Reuters wirephoto)

Band marches again

(NPD) on Thursday to re-elect the mayor of Bad Hersfeld, 110 kilometres (66 miles) northeast of Frankfurt.

The NPD's extreme right-wing views have often been compared to those of neo-Nazi groups.

The party scored gains in local elections in Hesse state last March, including seats in the city council in Frankfurt and several other local legislatures such as Bad Hersfeld.

All mainstream political parties have shunned the NPD. (AP)

Rainbow warrior

The original Rainbow Warrior ship disrupted Peruvian whalers in the Atlantic, saved seal pups from hunters in Newfoundland and was preparing to protest French nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific when it was bombed and sunk.

Its replacement, also called the Rainbow Warrior, arrived on Friday in New York en route to the Pacific Ocean, and will take part in similar missions.

"What you are looking at is a very dramatic and beautiful proof that you can't sink a Rainbow," said Peter Bahouth, executive director of Greenpeace, the environmental advocacy group.

The ship, with an international crew of six men and five women, carries five zoological, rubber boats that buzz around larger vessels to try to stop them from endangering animals or dumping hazardous wastes.

The Rainbow Warrior will arrive in the New Zealand capital of Auckland in late November for a drift net fishing protest. Crew members will dive around nets, photograph trapped sea creatures and eventually try to stop a fishing boat from using a net, said the captain, Peter Wilcox. (AP)

Court lifts stay: A federal appeals court on Friday rejected government objections and cleared the way for a former CIA station chief to stand trial on charges that he lied to Iran-Contra scandal investigators.

A three-judge panel of the 4th US circuit court of appeals ruled that Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and the Justice Department did not have standing to intervene in the case over the objections of independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh.

The panel dismissed the department's appeal, which Walsh had challenged as amounting to an effort to wrest control of the Iran-Contra case from his office.

"We are, of course, gratified by their decision, and we will proceed with the case," Walsh said in statement. (AP)

Youngest pilot: An 8-year-old boy landed his small airplane at Laguna airport on Friday, setting the world record as the youngest pilot ever to fly across the country.

Matthew McLendon, a third-grader from Dallas, was tried following the five day, 2,700-mile (4,300-km) flight that included stops in 13 cities and was planning to head home in time for school on Monday.

"The whole trip was wonderful," said Nancy Terrell, a family spokeswoman. "They did not run into bad weather and they're real proud to have a world record holder in the family."

The boy reluctantly spoke to reporters in Detroit on Thursday while he prepared for the final leg of his flight, which began on Monday in Los Angeles.

"Matt, sugar, talk to the reporters," his father, Bart, implored his son. Although confident in the cockpit of the Cessna 210, the third-grader from Dallas turned to pure schoolboy and hid behind a chair, draping his dad's jacket over his head.

Asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he said, "I don't know what I would be."

What does he think about when he's flying? "Just flying," he said in a tiny voice.

Do you like school? "No, not really."

Matt's flight instructor, who sits as copilot, but whom Matt insists should not touch a single control, said the shy stuff isn't the real Matt. (UPI)

\$500,000 fine: A Greek tanker owner was fined \$500,000 on Friday for a spill off the US East Coast in June, and a federal judge ruled the captain of the ship also must pay \$10,000.

The captain, Iakovos E. Georgiadis, and Ballard Shipping Co. each pleaded guilty Aug 16 to one count of violating the federal Clean Water Act in connection with the June 21 spill of nearly 300,000 gallons (1.1 million litres) of oil at the mouth of Narragansett bay.

Ballard, a Liberian company, promised to pay \$500,000 to the state for environmental research and park acquisition. Georgiadis, who left court without comment, agreed to the \$10,000 fine to avoid jail or probation. (AP)

Asia

Residency appeal rejected

A court in western Japan on Friday rejected an appeal by a Korean woman who was refused to be fingerprinted to reinstate her permanent residency status, Kyoto news service reported.

The Fukuoka district court rejected an appeal by Choi Son Ae, 28, a pianist and South Korean national, that revocation of her permanent resident status violates the Japanese constitution, Kyoto said.

The court also rejected Choi's claim for the government to compensate her with one million yen for unconstitutional depriving her of permanent resident status.

Kyodo quoted her as saying that she was "shocked" at the court's rejection of her suit. (AP)

Strong earthquake in Burma

A strong earthquake centred in northeastern Burma shook areas of that country, while strong tremors were reported in northern Thailand on Friday, news reports said on Saturday.

The English-language daily Bangkok Post reported on Saturday that two tremors jolted areas of northern Thailand at about the same time as that reported by the Burmese broadcast.

The only report of damage by the newspaper was the breaking of a decorative umbrella atop a hilltop Buddhist temple outside the main northern Thai city of Chiang Mai. (AP)

Far East ahead: The Pen International Writers Association, ending meetings in Montreal on Friday, said events in China have put the Far East ahead of Europe and the Soviet Union in the number of writers facing persecution.

"We have had a long, long list of writers and journalists who have been jailed in China," Thomas von Vegesack, chairman of the International Pen Writers in prison committee, said during the congress.

Senegambia union dissolved

Senegal was reported to have tightened border controls on Saturday as Senegambia, a loose economic and political union between Senegal and Gambia was formally dissolved.

Political and diplomatic sources in Dakar said the new measures were in retaliation for Gambia's decision to scrap the seven-year-old integration process. "Gambia is going to pay for her divorce with Senegal," said the independent Senegalese weekly Wal Fadjri.

The confederation, established as a first step towards a complete union of the two West African neighbours, was dissolved after years of mutual recriminations over the pace and the cost of monetary and trade integration. (Reuters)

Action against bandits: Kenya and Somalia, trying to defuse a row over a border clash, said on Saturday they had agreed to act against bandits and poachers in the frontier area.

After three days of talks in Nairobi, Somali Defence Minister Hussein Abdullahi Matan and Kenyan Army Chief Mahmud Mohamed said in a statement the two East African nations would maintain close links to monitor poachers and bandits and would take action against them.

Drugs, vodka, politicians blamed for Soviet's Afghan debacle

MOSCOW, Sept. 30. (UPI): A general has defended the Soviet military's performance in Afghanistan and blamed politicians for losing the war, but a soldier said drugs and vodka were the "two scourges of our army."

Sovetsky Sport, the newspaper that carried the soldier's story, also reported a wave of recent incidents in which Soviet veterans of the Afghan war attacked people and clashed with police in drunken rampages through various cities.

Li Gen, Kim Tsagolov, a military adviser in Afghanistan from 1981 to 1984 and again in 1987, and Afghan vet Sergei Baburin squared

off on the pages of two newspapers in an unintended debate that showed how divisive the war remains seven months after the end of the Soviets' pullout from their southern neighbour.

"The military is not to blame," Tsagolov said of the Soviets' failed nine-year entanglement in Afghanistan. "I dare say that our soldiers and commanders won the greater part of all major fights. It was politicians who lost the war."

Tsagolov, a Fidel Castro-lookalike who is now a philosophy professor at Moscow's Frunze Military Academy, accused the coun-

try's highest former leaders of bungling the war effort that began in December 1979 with the Soviet invasion to prop up an Afghan government beset by internal feuding and a Muslim insurgency.

"If we speak of the upper echelon, it was (Leonid) Brezhnev as the overall political leader, (Andrei) Gromyko as foreign minister, (Dmitri) Ustinov as defence minister, (Yuri) Andropov as head of the KGB," Tsagolov said in the weekly Argumenty i Fakty.

In assessing the army's role in the military failure, Tsagolov acknowledged the presence

of limited drug abuse among soldiers.

"There were cases when some of our men resorted to drugs," he said. "But we should speak of isolated cases, not a mass addiction."

Baburin, however, directly contradicted Tsagolov's claim.

"In Afghanistan there were two scourges of our army," Baburin told Sovetsky Sport. "For soldiers and sergeants, it was drugs. For officers, it was vodka."

The Soviets had 103,700 troops in Afghanistan in May last year when they began a nine-month withdrawal under a UN-mediated agreement. A total of 13,833 Soviets died in

the war, according to government figures.

Baburin, now dean of the Omsk University law school, served in Afghanistan first as a front-line soldier and then in a military procurator's office on a job that took him to numerous regions to investigate possible wrongdoing by troops.

"Once, when I was still serving in a fighting guard, the officers in our unit had drunk a lot and started firing their weapons straight at the campground," Baburin said.

In its report on some of the war's after-effects, Sovetsky Sport said: "A wave of drinking bouts has swept a number of cities recent-

ly, involving former soldiers who served as landing troops. Drunken veterans attacked passersby and (people in) restaurants and clashed with police units."

Tsagolov, who was decorated four times during the war, said "all servicemen, without exception, suffered psychological trauma" and that there were many cases of mental illness.

"When our troops entered Afghanistan, we did not know the true situation in the country to the extent necessary," he said. "We miscalculated the strength of the opposing forces."

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Syrians hanged

DAMASCUS, Sept. 30. (AP): Two Syrians, a man who murdered his father and an accomplice who helped him cut up and burn the body, were executed by hanging today in the main square of the northern city of Aleppo, the newspaper Tishrin reported.

It said the son, Bakri Youssef Shawa, hired Abdul Hamid Kala, a professional killer for 15,000 Syrian pounds (about \$750), to help him murder his father, Youssef, so that he could inherit his tissue paper factory.

The newspaper added that the two knifed and shot their victim repeatedly. They then cut up the body into many pieces and burned them in an effort to dispose of the evidence.

Jordan to try

AMMAN, Sept. 30. (Reuters): Jordan is to try more than 100 people accused of smuggling contaminated cooking oil in sewage trucks, an official source said today.

He said police had confiscated 350 tonnes of oil and shut 14 sweet shops and potato chip factories which had been using it for more than three months.

Suspects are being interrogated by the military prosecutor-general, before being tried at courts martial.

Investigators have discovered the contaminated oil was siphoned into sewage trucks after being landed at Jordan's Red Sea port of Aqaba for ferrying to Iraq for soap production.

Abu Nidal warns

BEIRUT, Sept. 30. (Reuters): A radical Palestinian group said today it would not stand idly by while the United States extradited one of its members to Israel.

"We assure the dishonest American justice system that our people and the heroes of the popular uprising and our fighters will not stand with their hands folded," the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) led by Abu Nidal said.

A US court said on Tuesday that Mahmoud Al Abed Ahmed, linked to the Abu Nidal group, can be extradited to Israel to face charges stemming from a firebombing and machinegun attack on an Israeli bus on April 12, 1986.

Kurdish rebels killed

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, Sept. 30. (Reuters): Two Kurdish rebels were killed in a clash with the army near the southeastern Turkish town of Bingol, security sources said today.

Another fighter from the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) was wounded but managed to escape the scene of the clash near Dogankoyu village late yesterday.

The PKK launched an armed revolt for independence for Turkey's eight million Kurds in 1984, since when diplomats say nearly 2,000 people have died in the violence.

Japanese team

TOKYO, Sept. 30. (Kuna): Japanese Foreign Ministry sources today said that Japan will send a team to Iran for studying technical co-operation between the two countries for the first time since the Gulf war in 1980.

The team will be comprised of experts from Foreign Ministry and the Japanese agency for international co-operation.

The Japanese delegation will leave for Tehran on October 19, and it is expected to determine in which way the Japanese economic assistance will be provided.

Furthermore, Japan's Foreign Ministry intends to accept more Iranian trainees, and send Japanese engineers to study ways of implementing development projects in Iran.

Agree to re-cut

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (Kuna): Responding to complaints from the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the producers of the ABC-TV programme "20/20" today agreed to re-cut their promotional spots for broadcast on the status of women in Pakistan.

ABC had begun running short promotional spots Tuesday night asserting that Friday's segment on Pakistan was about what they claimed "Islamic women, the most oppressed women in the world."

Official acquitted

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Sept. 30. (AP): Dr. Fadico Lado Loleik, a member of the former five-man state council, the body that served as Sudan's collective presidency before the June 30 military coup, has been acquitted of charges of corruption.

A military court, headed by Colonel Abdel Wahab Osman, also on Thursday acquitted Loleik's office manager, Samir Khamis of the same charges.

The court said it found the two men "not guilty" for "lack of evidence" incriminating them of hoarding medicines and other charges levelled against them.

Iraq turn clock back

BAGHDAD, Sept. 30. (Reuters): Iraq will turn its clock back one hour at 1 a.m. tomorrow (2100 GMT today), putting the country three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Mubarak, Shamir to hold talks soon

Palestinian shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 30. (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak have agreed to hold talks soon, Israel Radio said today.

It said the meeting was set when Mubarak, who is trying to arrange peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians, called Shamir last night with greetings for the Jewish new year.

Government spokesmen could not be reached to confirm the report, which said no date had been set for the meeting.

Mubarak also told Shamir he wanted to further the peace process and hoped his efforts so far would not lead to the break-up of Israel's coalition government, the radio said.

Mubarak hopes to bring Israel and Palestinians backed by the Palestinian Liberation Organisation together in Cairo to discuss Israel's initiative for elections in the occupied territories.

Mubarak's efforts, which include 10 proposals based on the election plan, have won the support of Israeli Vice-Premier Shimon Peres' dovish Labour Party, the junior coalition partner.

But Shamir's right-wing Likud Party opposes Mubarak's plan, fearing its proposal for Palestinians from outside the territories to participate in the Cairo talks would result in direct negotiations with the PLO.

Israel's cabinet is set to debate Mubarak's proposals on Thursday. Israeli government officials predict a Labour-Likud deadlock.

US Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday that if the cabinet failed to advance the peace process when it meets in the coming week other peace options will have to be considered.

"We'll have to go back to the drawing board," he said. "We want to see progress towards peace," he added, wrapping up a week at the UN General Assembly that included 46 meetings with diplomats from a host of countries.

In a related development, Baker said Syria's Foreign Minister, Farouq Al Sharaa, at a meeting yesterday asserted that his government should be involved in any Mideast peace negotiations.

Baker said he explained it was "not the policy of the United States that they should not be involved" and that of necessity Syria must be involved when talks centre on the Golan Heights.

In the occupied territories, where Palestinian activists called a general strike today to protest at US support for Israel, troops shot dead a Palestinian youth in an overnight clash near Jenin in the West Bank, the radio said.

The soldiers opened fire when confronted by masked youths armed with knives.

Masked youths stoned and damaged eight cars and injured two Israeli civilian motorists overnight near the Jewish settlement of Maale Adumim near Jerusalem, the radio said.

Arab hospital sources said 14 Arabs were wounded in Khan Youssef refugee camp and two in Gaza during clashes overnight and two people were shot by troops in Gaza this morning.

The radio said a Palestinian was wounded in a clash with Israeli police in the village of Shufat, within Jerusalem city limits, overnight.

Israeli military authorities have banned Arabs in the Gaza Strip from entering Israel over



Let there be peace

Jewish and Arab runners jog through the graffiti lined streets of Bethlehem wearing shirts reading: "We want peace between Palestine and Israel, each free and secure." Belonging to a group named Runners for Peace the joggers were stopped by the Israeli Army area commander who arrested one of the Palestinians. Military sources said that the joggers threatened security in the area. (Reuters wirephoto)

IAEA agrees to Arab move

It's Palestine

VIENNA, Sept. 30. (AP): The policy-setting body of the International Atomic Energy Agency yesterday agreed to rename the PLO observer delegation as Palestine.

The annual IAEA general conference also postponed, on a vote of 59-26, a resolution suspending South Africa's membership. It was the third straight year that the group failed to act on the proposal.

The body approved by consensus an Arab-sponsored proposal whereby the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which has been participating in the IAEA annual meetings with an observer status since 1975, was renamed "Palestine." The PLO declared a Palestine state earlier this year.

The proposal also permits the PLO to attend "relevant and open-ended" meetings of the agency. It did not specify what that would entail.

The United States and Israel expressed their opposition to the decision.

The resolution on "Israel's nuclear policies" was opposed by the United States and other Western countries. The Soviet Union and its allies voted in favour.

The resolution, sponsored by 14 states including Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia, was debated on the last day of the IAEA's conference. It was adopted with 47 votes in favour, 28 against and 12 abstentions.

The Jewish new year holiday. The ban began yesterday and lasts until 4 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Monday.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation faced up to the Shamir election ploy by asserting that free elections cannot be held under occupation, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa said yesterday.

It is directed from Bet El, the "long, slate-grey headquarters on a hill north of Ramallah of Israel's military administration in the West Bank," the daily in a report from its correspondent in Tel Aviv, Charles Richards.

"They co-operate with the Shin Bet security service, and its political subversion operates, whose whereabouts are common knowledge though supposedly secret and with the army's own experts in the field."

The prime contractor will be the FMC Corp. of San Jose, California.

"This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East," it said.

Israel manipulating news to divide Arabs

LONDON, Sept. 30. (Kuna): The Israelis are now resorting to the manipulation of news as a means of psychological and political warfare against the Palestinian uprising, according to a report here today.

The Independent newspaper said that the manipulation of news is just one aspect of the psychological and political warfare conducted by Israeli security forces in confronting the 22-month-old intifada.

Unimog gets 6 months more

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30. (Kuna): The Security Council today unanimously agreed to extend the mandate of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (Unimog) for a further period of six months, until 31 March 1990.

Its present mandate expires today.

The 15-member body also called once again on both parties to immediately implement resolution 598 of 1987.

Furthermore, the members requested Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to submit a report by the end of the six-month period on developments in the situation and measures taken to implement resolution 598.

The Satanic Verses loses appeal

Many UK booksellers shun Rushdie

LONDON, Sept. 30. (Agencies): Forty per cent of British booksellers responding to a survey by a trade publication said they wouldn't sell a paperback edition of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.

"They simply don't think there would be demand for it and there are problems of what might happen if they did stock it," Rodney Burbuck, associate editor of the weekly Publishing News, said yesterday.

The hardback edition of the book, published a year ago, has sparked mass protests from Muslims in Britain and around the world.

Several British bookshops have been firebombed.

Forty per cent of the book-sellers replying to the survey also said they opposed the publication of a paperback edition, while 44 per cent said they favoured it.

Publishing News said 455 booksellers responded to a questionnaire which was mailed out to 1,000 shops two weeks ago.

One store in three said it had the hardback edition in stock, but only two per cent said they did not stock it because of threats or complaints.

Penguin spokesman Bob Gregory said the company was obliged under a contract to bring out a paperback version, but that no date had been set.

A Muslim leader hopes to persuade non-Muslims in the UK that they are being insulted by Salman Rushdie's novel.

US buys Israeli silence on tank sale

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (UPI): The Pentagon said yesterday legislation is pending that would allow pre-positioning of US military equipment in Israel for American or Israeli use, a move reportedly meant to buy Israeli silence over a sale of 315 M-1 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

The White House is considering selling 315 M-1A1s — the latest version of the \$2.6 million M1 tank — to Saudi Arabia but wants to avoid a major battle with Congress and the Israelis over the sale.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams declined to confirm or deny a New York Times report that Defence Secretary Dick Cheney had sought an understanding with Israel so the Israelis would not actively seek to block the Saudi tank sale in Congress.

In a carefully worded statement, Williams said US security relationships with Israel and Saudi Arabia "stand on their own merits and are not conditioned on each other."

But he also said that legislation was pending in the Senate to permit Israel to use pre-positioned American military equipment as part of the alleged deal cited in the Times article.

"We might get congressional approval to permit positioning of equipment in Israel for dual use," Williams said, adding that such arrangements already exist in South Korea and Thailand.

The Times said Cheney raised the plan to sell the M-1 tanks to the Saudis with Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin when they met in Washington Sept. 8 and that Cheney presented a draft plan for the United States to pre-position up to \$100 million worth of military equipment in Israel that could be used by either Israeli or US forces.

The United States has been pre-positioning weapons and other war material in Israel since 1983, but under the current arms export control act it cannot be used by Israel, only US military forces.

The Times said Cheney suggested to Rabin that the pace at which the \$100 million stockpile would be built up by the Pentagon might be affected by the degree of Israel's co-operation on the proposed Saudi tank sale.

Earlier, Williams said Cheney and Rabin signed a separate agreement in their Sept. 8 meeting that will allow the administration to "lend" US military equipment and supplies to Israel for research and development.

But Israel will have to return the weapons when they are done testing them, Williams said.

These agreements would be in addition to the current annual \$1.8 billion in US military aid to Israel.

The Pentagon announced a proposed sale to the Gulf nation of Bahrain of 80 M-113 armoured vehicles with machine guns, night vision goggles and other equipment for \$33 million.

"The purchase of these M-113-series tracked, armoured vehicles will enable Bahrain to modernise its armed forces and enhance its defence capability in the region," a statement said.

"This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East," it said.

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"Our target remains a solution which will secure the human rights and the democratic freedoms of all Cypriots, in a Cyprus free from foreign troops and settlers."

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Hazards of normalcy

Children in West Beirut dismantle a sandbagged barricade at the entrance of their building erected to protect it from stray shelling. An Arab peace plan succeeded in halting six months of bloodshed in Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lebanon talks face obstacles

NICOSIA, Sept. 30. (AP): Lebanese parliamentarians meeting in Saudi Arabia seek to end 14-1/2 years of civil war in their homeland, a task that has defeated would-be peacemakers since 1975.

On the face of it, the meeting between Lebanon's Christian and Muslim legislators appears to have a little chance of success as earlier efforts to end a war in which more than 150,000 people have been killed.

The Maronite Catholics, the main Christian sect which has dominated the government, Parliament, judiciary and army since independence from France in 1943, say they will not agree to political reforms until there are guarantees of a withdrawal by Syria's 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

The Syrians, not party to the Saudi Arabian meeting but who will haunt it like Banquo's ghost, say they will not pull out until the Christians share power equally with the Damascus-backed Muslims.

Even if the legislators meeting under Arab League auspices do reach agreement, there are no guarantees that Lebanon's Christian and Muslim warlords will heed any accord.

To be sure, the initiative, the most intensive Arab effort so far mounted to snuff out the civil war, has achieved a ceasefire that halted six months of fierce artillery battles between the Syrians and Christians, led by Gen. Michel Aoun.

Many Lebanese are weary of a war that has dismembered their country. But major obstacles that have been unsurmountable in the past remain. Key Lebanese leaders on both sides have criticised the Arab League's peace plan.

More significantly, there are the regional powers who have repeatedly intrigued and intervened in Lebanon, fanning the war when it suited their purposes.

Syria, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Libya and the Palestinians have all turned Lebanon into a proxy battleground for their feuds.

It is this foreign meddling, as well as the deep rooted hostility among Lebanon's militia leaders, that has stymied the peacemakers in the past, leaving tiny Lebanon prey to the wider strategies of more powerful states.

Aoun, isolated and outnumbered, had little choice but to accept the ceasefire, but believes there can be no peace while the Syrians remain in Lebanon.

He says he is prepared to make concessions but has pressured Christian legislators to give nothing away until the Arab League guarantees a Syrian withdrawal, something it has not been able to do.

'Cypriots cannot accept division'

NICOSIA, Sept. 30. (AP): President George Vassiliou said today there is a growing desire among Greek and Turkish Cypriots for reunifying the war-divided Mediterranean island.

Vassiliou called on the 18 per cent Turkish Cypriot minority to join with the Greek Cypriots to build a new Cyprus on the basis of mutual responsibility and respect.

"No Cypriot who loves his country can accept the present division as a solution," he said in a message marking the 29th anniversary of the island's independence from British rule.

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Jewish new year

An infant wears a Yamulka as he sits with his father at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Jews flocked to the wall for prayers during the new year holiday, which began yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

KD20.835m income at KPTC in 1988

Kuwait-Bahrain project postponed

KUWAIT, Sept 30, (KUNA): Board Chairman of Kuwait Public Transportation Company (KPTC) Abdul Wahab Al Haroun today said the total income of the public transportation of last year was KD20.835 million.

He added in an exclusive interview with Kuwait News Agency that the company's expenditure of last year was KD 17.109 million, excluding maintenance and

repairs of the state's cars. Haroun said that KPTC received new tourism buses to operate on the international line between Kuwait and Jordan, which will be opened along with other lines to Gulf states by early next year.

He noted that there is an idea of operating a new tourism line between Kuwait and Bahrain, but the project was postponed due to the situation in the region then.

He pointed out, however, that the idea is still under study and will be implemented at the appropriate time.

He announced that the company drew up its next ten-year plan by providing modern public transportation services inside and outside Kuwait to attract more passengers particularly those of private cars.

The KPTC chairman said the idea of

providing transportation for employees in ministries and establishments is still under study, noting that this programme has stopped because the ministries complex implementation of the rationalisation policy.

He said there are current studies on operating a sea line to Kheiran Resort, adding that the company will provide several future services to Failaka Island.



Hungarian envoy

Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Naser Mohammed Al Ahmad Al Jaber received at his office yesterday morning the Hungarian Ambassador to Kuwait Balint Gal. The minister also received the head of the Co-operative Societies Union, Salem Abu Hadida.

State provided health care

Services below standard, says public

DIRECTOR of Amiri Health Area, Dr Mohammed Al Ayyad said that the government pays full attention towards providing citizens and residents with health services. The Ministry of Public Health (MPH) was keen on making health services complete at all levels. He added that the health area administration is fully concerned towards implementing ministry objectives by developing first aid health care services at health centres.

The health care system at Amiri Area falls under the health registration system in the area. Each patient has a special file and is registered at a particular centre. He stated that the administration works towards providing speciality clinics at health centres to lighten pressure at hospitals. Patients requiring intensive care are transferred to hospitals in the area. He indicated that such speciality clinics include eyes, maternity, diabetes, skin, internal and general surgery clinics.

Home care
Regarding home health care, Ayyad stated that this service is only extended to older patients and those who are not capable of going to hospitals. The nursing staff at the area visit diabetics in addition to giving them treatment at their homes. He indicated that nearly 200 diabetes patients receive home care by health centres they are attached to, adding that 300 other patients receive home treatment.

Ayyad indicated that many citizens and

residents abuse this service and doctors are called to their houses without a pressing need. Regarding service vehicles at health centres, he said that each of the centres are provided with two service cars which are used for employee transport.

He stated that the MPH started implementing the family doctor system gradually at all health centres. He added that the system will be implemented at all health centres in the future. The family doctor system is currently being implemented at three health centres attached to Amiri Health Area and these include the health centres in Qadesiya, Shamiya and Abdullah Al Salem. He stressed that the system aims at upgrading workers qualifications at the first aid health care services and providing patients and their families comprehensive health services.

Vaccinations
The area administration is keen to provide residents with protective services available at health centres through vaccination campaign. The ministry conducts a comprehensive annual survey to ascertain vaccination rates among citizens at health areas. The official indicated that the vaccination rate at Amiri Health Area reached 97 per cent for 1988 describing it as a very good rate.

He announced that the Faiha Health Centre will soon open its radiology section to receive patients. He said that the area administration will conduct health awareness

programmes at different health centres to enhance health awareness among residents.

Meanwhile, a local daily interviewed a number of residents to highlight their opinions on the level of health services and the problems they face.

Bader Al Aslawi believes that health services presented by the ministry are not as good as expected. He said that some doctors are sometimes forced to prescribe medicine without proper diagnosis due to the high pressure. He added that some clinics suffer from shortages in medicine particularly when some diseases reach epidemic proportions.

Faisal Al Thkair said that health services in Kuwait still require developing. He indicated that the family doctor system has some problems despite its benefits. He hoped that officials at the MPH will be able to overcome these problematic issues.

Faisal Al Ghareeb stated that health services provided by the ministry requires many alterations. He stressed that most clinics close around 9.00 pm and hoped that the work hours will be extended until midnight.

Khaled Al Hemaidi called for the unification of medicine prices at private pharmacies adding that on several occasions he found differences in medicine prices at these chemists. On the other hand he said that the locally made medicine is not up to international quality and requires further developments.

Water project

Public tenders to be invited

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah has said that the ministry will shortly invite a public tender for the final design of the pipes to be used in the Iraqi water supply to Kuwait project, while the project construction tender will be invited some time next year.

He told a local daily that the idea of importing Iraqi water to Kuwait was an old one, but the project as a whole gained prominence following the visit to Iraq last March by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

He said that during his visit to Iraq he signed an agreement with Iraqi officials under which Iraq would provide Kuwait with water for agricultural and domestic uses. Agricultural water supply quantities would be 200 million gallons at Stage One to be brought from the Haritha area in north Iraq, which will be later increased to 500 million gallons.

Water supply for domestic use would be 350 million gallons from the area of Bida along the Euphrates river, which would in the future be increased to 700 million gallons.

Studies

He also said that there were studies currently under way to launch a joint Kuwaiti-Iraqi project involving water supply for domestic uses, and that talks in this respect were in progress.

The agricultural water supply project was progressing in line with the signed agreement and a special economic study to identify the water pipe routes and project was progressing in line with the signed agreement and a special economic study to identify the water pipe routes and project feasibility had been completed and it was agreed to use a three-metre diameter pipe for Stage One with five relay water pumps along the pipeline, Rqobah said.

He added that there was close co-operation in this respect between the ministry and Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, and that all important water supplies would be routed to Mutlaa for treatment, including the agricultural water supply, which would need initial treatment, while the domestic supply would be subjected to a series of chemical processes and filtration before being pumped to citizens.

Research

He pointed out that a new office has been established at the ministry for studies and consultant research under the responsibility of the assistant undersecretary Khaled Al Issa, and that the functions assigned the new office would include finding effective solutions to certain technical problems and selection of electrical modern technology systems.

Folklore dinner

PARIS, Sept 30, (Kuna): The Kuwait Ambassador in France, Dr Tareq Razouqi, hosted a dinner in honour of the Kuwaiti Folklore Group, Friday night, marking the end of the Kuwaiti Week at the Arab World Institute here.

The party was attended by Rida Al-Feeli, Undersecretary at the Information Ministry in charge of foreign press, a number of Kuwaiti personalities, members of the Kuwaiti diplomatic corps and journalists accompanying the Information Ministry's delegation.

The Al-Amiri folkloric group and students of the Higher Institute of Music gave a last performance at the residence of the ambassador, where the dinner party was held, to the great pleasure of all the guests.

Malpractice insurance for government doctors

People requested to donate organs

A NEW comprehensive insurance scheme to all ministry doctors against any unfortunate "malpractice suits" resulting from medical errors has been addressed in the nature of a draft charter and is expected to be approved by the authorities by the end of this year, a senior ministry official said.

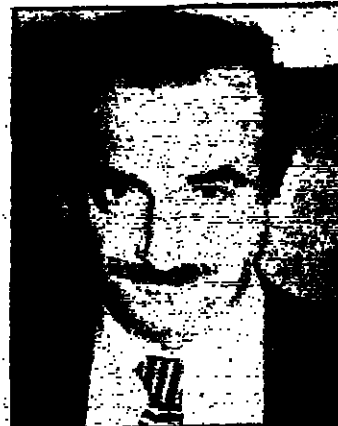
A local insurance company will be selected within the next few days to formulate guidelines for implementing the scheme in co-operation with the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Naeqeb Naqeb, undersecretary at the ministry announced yesterday.

During the recent past, the official said that several doctors had been accused of committing medical errors. He stressed that in most of those cases, errors were not justified as investigations had confirmed that the patients developed complications after undergoing surgery or medical treatment. Such cases where patients have been reported to have suffered post-operative or post-medical treatment complications are a common factor at hospitals all over the world.

However, the official said that every complaint of such a nature is thoroughly investigated and action is taken in every case where a doctor has been proved to have erred in their profession. The official advised patients who believe that they are victims of medical errors to seek judiciary assistance in claiming their rights.

Drug list

Naqeb also announced that the ministry will shortly release a new official price list for drugs in the private sector, and added that the new price policy has been designed to suit the capabilities of the public. He said that the new price list has been arrived at after a comprehensive study conducted by the ministry on the prices of medicines in Kuwait. He did not say if the present prices were increased or decreased, but Naqeb said that the new prices will be "suitable" to the public. He said that the new price list will be announced



Naqeb... disappointed

very shortly. Concerning the problem of over-spending and over-consumption in drugs freely given to patients, Naqeb admitted that this has remained the biggest problem. He said that it is regrettable that this phenomenon still exists despite many efforts and other measures adopted by the ministry to reduce the misuse of drugs. However, the adoption of the family doctor system in some medical clinics, has reduced the misuse of drugs by over 30 per cent.

The ministry is also planning to adopt a new system of dispensing medicines in the near future. Patients will be given medicines based only on their health files and thus the amount given to them will be monitored. But this system will be adopted only after the completion of the new health registration system in co-operation with the Public Authority for Civil Information.

Naqeb said that the Health Ministry is expected to move to its new building in Sulaibikhat by the end of February next year and attributed the delay to non-completion of furnishings. He denied that Kuwaiti hospitals suffer a shortage of medical staff, with the exception of some highly specialised neurologists. The official also denied that the hospitals suffer a bed shortage. He said that the shortage occurs in some sections, like maternity and paediatrics in Farwaniya and

Jahra and only during some seasons, where some diseases are widespread.

Naqeb said that in order to overcome this problem, the ministry is planning to carry out expansion projects on these wards in Farwaniya and Jahra hospitals in the near future. He added that among other projects is the expansion of the Amiri Hospital. The ministry is also planning to establish a new section at Ibn Sina Hospital for plastic surgery which will be ready by the beginning of next year. A new centre for treatment of heart ailments will be established besides the present Chest Diseases Hospital and the money was donated by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. But he stressed that the ministry does not plan to open new hospitals before 1993 as the present hospitals are adequate enough to provide good medical service to the public.

Organs

Naqeb expressed his disappointment over the negative response of the public towards the organs donation campaign. He stressed on the importance of the success of this campaign in Kuwait, and said he was not in favour of importing organs, adding that there has been a wide rejection for the trade in human organs and thus more restrictions have been imposed on organs import.

In addition, the import of human organs is very costly and may involve medical hazards. He called upon the public in Kuwait to co-operate with the donation programme particularly after the issue of a law regulating such donations.

Naqeb said that the increase in the number of working hours of the ministry doctors is not intended to compensate for the shortage in the number of doctors. He added that doctors in Kuwait still work less than their counterparts outside Kuwait. The ministry will further increase the working hours of doctors if this is deemed necessary, Naqeb commented.



Sarah Macarimbang, VP social and cultural affairs (3rd from left) and Manny Inserto, president of Kapilku (extreme right) with the judges and the winners of the Kapilku Night.

Randrup, Lapuebla clinch top spots at Kapilku Night

Grand finals October 27

KAPILKU Night held at Holiday Inn Hotel, and organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) on Friday saw a house full crowd, record by the association since the inception of the project in which the main objective is to enhance Filipino talent in the field of singing. There were more than 200 spectators who came and enjoyed the evening which had lots of entertainment and surprises.

Versatile Paul Randrup garnered 91.43 per cent in the Bagong Kampeon and captured the first position and Ric Galang who sang an Elvis Presley hit took the second slot with 91.14 per cent. Ramon Monteverde who posted 90 per cent ran away with the third position. While Rufely Gaudia and Cynthia Aburabi clinched the fourth and fifth positions respectively.

Sing-alike

The sing-alike contest, was a very close fight between Lapuebla the Rey Valera of Kuwait and Jepprey for the first position. Rey Lapuebla got 92.60 per cent to garner the second slot. Rufely Gaudia who sang "One Moment in Time" won the third place in the contest. Paul Randrup and Benny Perez took fourth and fifth places respectively.

The top three in both categories will take part in the Grand Final of the Kapilku Night to be held on Friday, Oct 27.

Dolly Reynoso was given a special award for best entertainer of the evening. All the winners received valuable prizes from the sponsors.

Inspiration

Vice-president Sarah Macarimbang, the chairperson of the project made her opening remarks by thanking all the sponsors and guests for their untiring support.

Manny Inserto, Kapilku president in his inspirational talk thanked all Kapilku members who came to enjoy the evening. Inserto emphasised that this project was made to make all the Filipinos happy and to feel that they are not away from their families.

Charge D'Affaires and Consul-General Olivia V. Palala of the Philippine embassy came in spite of her hectic schedule to charm the occasion.

Thelma A. Sanie, finance attache of the Philippine embassy and the official representative of Land Bank of the Philippines was the guest of honour.

The closing remarks were made by energetic co-ordinator Jun Mercado, operations manager of United Fisheries, Kuwait. Flamboyant Rod Cerzo was the overall co-ordinator of the project.

Master of ceremonies were Rod Cerzo, Millite Domingo and Malou Romero.

Judges

The board of judges were Thelma A. Sanie, the chairwoman, Teddy Dela Cruz, attache of the Philippine embassy, Sonia Dino, personnel manager of Holiday Inn, Jonathan Gonzales, chief accountant of Holiday Inn, Saleh Abughosh, general manager of Haid Ligaya, Brigitte Sriwardhana, manager of Aralia Restaurant and Helen Inserto of Dollarc Exchange Co.

The sponsors of the Kapilku Night were Haid Ligaya, Aralia Restaurant, Top Flowers, Durrani Exchange Co., Far East Restaurant, Anak Restaurant and Jojo Medrano.

Gatekeepers for the evening were Mita Gandia, Cora Cortez, Tony Pastana and Charlie Abletas. Spinner was Egay Cruz.

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GCC culture meeting

RIYADH, Sept 30, (Kuna): Culture undersecretaries in the six-country Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) today began their 3rd preparatory meeting at the Riyadh-based headquarters.

The opening session was inaugurated by Bahrain's Culture Undersecretary Khalil Al Zuwaidi who stressed the need for co-ordination of cultural efforts among the member states of the GCC.

Hailing the strong ties between the people of the GCC, Zuwaidi underscored the importance of culture in further boosting these bonds.

The GCC is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Addressing the meeting Saudi information undersecretary Fuad Abdel Salaam Al Farisi said independence of any nation remains incomplete unless it is backed by cultural awareness to get rid of the influence of alien cultures.

The agenda of the two-day meeting covers issues pertaining to archaeology, thought, poetry, music, theatre and surrealistic arts.

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CSC studying increase in allowances

Need to qualify nationals

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Mohammad Al Rushood announced yesterday that the CSC is currently studying the issue of providing more allowances and increments to some sections of government employees. This aims at upgrading the performance and attracting employees required for the country's development plans. He added that the CSC is currently studying the allowances and increments in accordance with the salaries that prevailed before July 1st, 1979, when the current Civil Service system was implemented. He said that the government still greatly depends upon expatriate manpower in

many fields and sections simply because it is difficult to meet the demands of the local market through the national manpower. But he stressed that the government is paying great attention towards qualifying more national manpower to supply the various sides.

Problems

Rushood denied that there has been a problem resulting from the increase in the number of Kuwaiti graduates in some subjects like Geography, History and others. He said that what is needed is that these graduates should positively co-operate with the CSC and accept the jobs provided to them without insisting on particular

jobs. He emphasised that there cannot be a surplus in Kuwaiti graduates as long as the government still depends upon expatriates. But he admitted that there is a temporary surplus in the number of some Kuwaiti graduates in some specialisations and this will be solved very soon. He added that the CSC recommends the appointment of all Kuwaiti graduates who apply for government jobs, irrespective of the availability of enough grades.

About new allowances and increments to government employees, Rushood said that the Civil Service Council has approved many increments and allowances to many sections of government

employees. He added that the CSC is currently studying to provide more allowances to some other sections in order to upgrade their performance and attract skilled personnel necessary for the state development plans. He added that the study after completion will be submitted to the council for approval.

He said that the government ministries cover their requirements of employees through the appointment of national employees, recommended by the CSC. He added that the appointment of non-Kuwaitis is done on a very restricted basis in highly specialised jobs and when there are no Kuwaitis to fill vacancies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pilot visited

KUWAIT, Sept. 30, (Kuna): The Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah today visited Second Lieutenant Khalaf Abdul Aziz Al Shammani at Al Razi Hospital, where he receives treatment for the injury he sustained when his plane crashed last week.

HH was accompanied by Defence Minister Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber. They were greeted by Chief of the Army Staff Major-General Mazyad Al Sane', commander of Air Force and air defence and director of Al Razi Hospital.

Saad receives

KUWAIT, Sept. 30, (Kuna): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah today received Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Minister of Higher Education Dr. Ali Abdullah Al Shammani, Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi, and Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan.

HH also received member of the central committee for Fatah movement Salim Zanoun and the Palestinian ambassador to Kuwait Aouni Batash.

Sabah receives

KUWAIT, Sept. 30, (Kuna): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah today received Undersecretary of State for International Affairs Sheikh Ali Al Khazim, on the occasion of his return from Geneva after taking part in the Opec meetings.

Sheikh Sabah also received State Minister for Housing Nasser Al Roudhan, who took part at the Arab housing ministers conference in Tunis and also State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi.

He also received director of the Equestrian Club Mohammed Majed Al Shaheen.

Nawaf receives

KUWAIT, Sept. 30, (Kuna): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber today received Djbouti Chief of Staff Brigadier Ali Midat Waes and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by Chief of Army Staff Major-General Mazyad Al Sane' and Director of the Minister's Office for Military Affairs Brigadier Badr Bourassi.

Sharjah accident

Sharjah, Sept. 30, (Kuna): A car accident occurred last night where 10 cars collided altogether injuring three people.



US party with a theme

THE American Embassy marked the start of the new social season Wednesday with a garden party with a theme — Space and Technology: The Common Path. Addressing the guests the US Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell said it is 20 years since man first set foot on the moon. Since then there have been spectacular developments in science and technology but none of these would have been possible had it not been for small discoveries and advances, Howell said.

"And underlying the entire effort is a sense of

exploration and inquisitiveness such as that which motivated the seafarers of Kuwait, America and other nations in an early age" he added.

He praised the role of American engineers in Kuwait, the first of whom arrived before 1920 and the contribution of Kuwaiti scientists, engineers and technicians who have attended American universities.

Pictured above are Mr and Mrs Howell greeting Kuwait Science Club members.

MPW at forefront of state projects

THE Minister of Public Works (MPW), Abdul Rahman Al Houti yesterday invited representatives of local news papers to an open meeting with senior officials of the ministry. The meeting was attended by Undersecretary Mohammed Al Sania, Chief Engineer of Roads and Sanitary Engineering Ali Al Abdullah, Chief Engineer of Construction Projects and 119 senior and middle officials at the ministry.

In a key-note address, Houti praised the decisions issued last July to organise different departments of the ministry. He added that the MPW is in the forefront of activities in the state because it carries out projects that relate to public interests. He added that projects carried out by the ministry and still being carried out total about KD1.5 billion. The state spends about KD200 million on the projects annually and is the ministry's budget every year.

The constructions engineering projects department has plans to carry out projects that cost KD650 million. The present projects being carried out by the roads engineering department cost about KD83 million, the official added.

Houti pointed out that designs of these projects are made either by local offices or by foreign consultants. The ministry encounters problems when designs are not completed or integrated according to time-schedule or plans which result in further problems with contractors. The problems of supervision on these projects are endless. He added that contractors who do not perform their work sufficiently are asked by supervisors of the ministry to do their work again which also delays the work.

Infectious diseases hospital postponed

Aids ward to cost KD 100,000

THE assistant undersecretary for service affairs at the Ministry of Public Health Yousef Al-Aitqi has said that the ministry will move to its new headquarters next February. The delay in receiving the new building is attributed to necessary adjustments in the adjoining service building.

He told a local daily that the construction of the new infectious diseases hospital had been postponed, while renovations and comprehensive repairs of the existing building were going on, which would cover the construction of new wards, an ICU, and a special ward for highly contagious diseases and the demolition and reconstruction of ward No. 7.

The Aids ward currently being constructed to be annexed to the hospital building is about to be completed. It will be provided with a special security system along with the necessary insulating safety factors. It will comprise two divisions, one of four rooms to be used as a quarantine,

and the other containing an ICU and four beds. He said that the construction of this ward took 9 months and the total cost reached KD 100,000.

The ministry had suspended the construction of the Physiotherapy Hospital, which was estimated to cost KD 25 millions. Serious steps have been taken to renovate and repair the hospital and add 100 more beds with a separate fully-integrated outpatient clinic. The total amount allocated for the cost of these radical changes was KD 3 million.

Renovation
The ministry has already finished updating and renovating all hospital wards and the administration buildings, work at the Fahd physiotherapy ward, built at a cost of KD 250,000, had already started.

There is another charity project for the heart diseases to be constructed close to this existing chest diseases hospital, and that the cost estimates of this

project were currently under consideration and were believed to be about KD 8 million.

The official ruled out any intention of the construction of a new chest diseases hospital. Radical maintenance services are currently in progress, involving the replacement of water, electricity and sewer networks. Kitchens in the future will be replaced and the catering contracts renewed.

He said that the designs of the new Psychiatric Diseases Hospital would be completed during next December, and the estimated cost of the project was KD 9 million, with the project site areas being 23,000 sq. m. The new hospital would contain 250 beds, three storeys and all factors and facilities needed to create a domestic ambience for inpatients.

The hospital will be provided with all necessary sports facilities, and landscaping elements that would help appease the psychological disorders of inpatients.

No 'wasta' at GTD: Omer

Women drivers commended

CAR driving tests are strictly supervised and only those applicants who have proved to be proficient are accorded driving licences, a senior traffic official said.

Categorically denying rumours that "wasta" is prevalent in obtaining these licences, Col. Yaqub Yusuf Al Omer in an interview with a local daily was quoted as saying that out of 80,000 applicants appearing for the theoretical at the General Traffic Department (GTD), 51,000 had succeeded and were now eligible to appear for the practical test. From this figure, only 22,923 had passed — while 28,000 had failed in their attempt. These figures vindicate the rumours that influence is predominant in issuing licences.

Meanwhile the official disclosed that the first driving school is scheduled to open in 1991 and will accommodate about 16,000 students. Students will be given comprehensive

training in all driving aspects under highly skillful and experienced professionals.

Training

Charges for imparting training at these schools will be reasonable and will be levied taking into consideration all levels of the community. These schools will be equipped with computer facilities and will provide lectures on various mechanical aspects of cars which will assist trainees in familiarising themselves with various minor technical aspects of their vehicles.

Speaking on the level of training imparted by the present driving schools, the official said that most of these offices are operating purely for commercial profits. The lack of professional training is adequately reflected in the number of trainees who fail miserably in their tests, the official said. He added that inspectors are presently carrying out a campaign to warn erring offices to upgrade their training

programmes. He commended women on their sense of safety — more than men. He said that there were more women drivers making use of the safety belt than men. He also said that women tend to abide by traffic regulations more than men.

In relation to traffic accidents, the official attributed the causative factors to three: the performance of the human being, the technical standard of the car and the road infrastructure. Drivers performance in a study conducted on road accidents, has been attributed to be the major cause of these accidents, followed by technical malfunctions of vehicles. As far as roads and infrastructure go, the official said that Kuwait has been acclaimed as having the best in the world. He added that to curb reckless drivers, the present law is being enhanced in terms of penalties to be imposed on violators.

Ambassador's message

Nigerians celebrate National Day

ON the occasion of the 29th Independence Anniversary celebration of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Ambassador of Nigeria to the State of Kuwait M.S. Saleh extends on behalf of the President, the government and the people of Nigeria warm and fraternal greeting to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the government and the brotherly people of Kuwait, Nigeria and Kuwait share common views on major issues of mutual concern to both countries. Our two friendly countries condemn apartheid, in South Africa, the continued occupation of Arab territories by Israel and the denial of Palestinian rights. The government of the two countries support United Nations resolutions on these conflicts. In addition, Nigeria and Kuwait share common concern on Third World debt and the need for a New International Economic Order (NIEO). Our identical views on all of these major issues is further reflected in our common membership of the United Nations, Opec and the Non-

Aligned Movement (Nam). These and other areas of cultural affinity between our two peoples provide fertile ground for co-operation in all spheres of our national lives. Nigeria at 39 is currently undergoing a Political Transition Programme that will return the country to civil rule by 1993. In addition, the present military administration has introduced the Structural Adjustment Programme in order to provide a sound economic base for the country's future development. I would therefore like to seize this opportunity to invite both the government and people of Kuwait to take the opportunities offered by the current Privatisation and Debt Conversion Programmes in Nigeria in order to further cement the existing cordial relations between our two countries.

Long live Nigeria - Kuwait relations
Long Live Afro-Arab co-operation

From the courts

Domestic helpers caught in the act

A COUPLE, both house helps, were caught in a compromising situation by the employer who woke up for early morning prayers.

The man noticed that the front door of the house was left ajar, and so was the Diwaniya door. As he looked in there he found the couple committing the act.

He locked them up in the room and called the police. Referred to court, they were sentenced to three months imprisonment each with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

THE Criminal Court sentenced two men to five years in jail each with hard labour, a fine of KD 5000 for smuggling narcotics, and KD300 as customs duty.

The court heard that the first suspect was arrested at Kuwait Airport with 3 bottles of liquor in his luggage and half a kilo of hashish. On interrogation the accused admitted that he had received KD200 for the hashish and was promised another KD1000 upon delivery by his partner in Kuwait.

Based on this information, security forces raided the residence of the partner and

seven bottles of liquor were confiscated along with special liquor distilling equipment.

A MAN was killed and a woman was injured in road accidents reported at different areas during the last 24 hours. Police reported nine road accidents at the different governorates.

Meanwhile, the security men at Capital Governorate arrested one non-Kuwaiti Ubaid Z. on charge of smuggling and trading in liquor. He was also accused of having a pistol and bullets without official licence. The man was referred to authorities.

Call to fight narcotics

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan has called on the local media to fight narcotics and addiction. He also stressed on the necessity to formulate stringent laws to end this dangerous "social cancer." He described narcotics as the most harmful vice prohibited by Islam. The Imams of mosques should play a big role to enlighten Muslims about dangers of these narcotics. He added that many countries of the world declared war against narcotics and commented that

we should be the first who should fight this dreaded curse, because our religion prohibits anything considered harmful to health, he said.

Speaking on the issue of pilgrims travelling to haj, Hamdhan said that pilgrimage caravans have developed their services during this year specially the new entrepreneurs. These caravans offered services of a high standard for pilgrims. He added that the pilgrimage season in the coming two years will coincide with a very hot weather which requires introducing additional facilities.

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Under the auspices of the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Baidoun Centre for Perfume and Luxuries was opened recently.



The inauguration ceremony was attended by a number of ministers, governors, undersecretaries, diplomatic corps, businessmen, the chairmen of a number of local companies, corporation managers, media men and a large number of other people.

Last Tuesday, at 6:00 pm, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sabah cut the ribbon in the presence of the chairman of Baidoun Trading Corporation (Establishment). The invitees toured the centre and familiarised themselves with latest perfumes and luxuries from France. The minister expressed admiration over the centre's contents as it could be considered the largest in Kuwait for perfumes and luxuries.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

VICTORY belongs to the most persevering — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

Bitter enmity between Tamils

Deep anxiety in Sri Lanka

A SENSE of normalcy and peace hangs over this Tamil-dominated town since an indefinite truce between the Indian troops and the Tamil Tiger rebels came into force last week, but the bitter enmity between rival Tamil rebel groups has submerged the population into deep anxiety.

After a three-day visit to this northern town, 217 kms from Colombo, it was evident to this correspondent that the Tamil Tigers and their rivals, a three-party coalition consisting of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Front (EPRLF), Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (Telo) and Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front (ENDLF), are flexing their muscles for a final showdown.

But many civilians and officials here agree the situation has eased much since the ceasefire came into effect on Sept 20, as part of an agreement, signed two days earlier, facilitating the withdrawal of the 45,000-strong Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) before the end of this year.

The town is filled with Tamil youths, who belong to one of the three groups armed to the teeth, roaming the town.

"Now more and more people are moving freely and coming to town to attend to their normal duties," said Paramanathan Paraparam, the district political co-ordinator of the EPRLF, now administering the North-Eastern Provincial Council.

"Only after the ceasefire we are breathing in peace," said a leading citizen, who like many others wished anonymity. "Now there are no check points and the (Indian) troops are more polite and courteous towards the public."

The citizens said, forced conscription by the EPRLF-led coalition had ceased after the truce.

Independent sources from both provinces have reported young Tamils being taken away forcibly by the three-party coalition for weapons training to fight the Tigers.

But EPRLF officials say only willing youths have been taken for training and a senior Indian military officer in Vavuniya said, he forced the militants to free the unwilling youths. "They (the rebels) were unhappy about it," he said.

The Indian troops are in the mostly Tamil populated north and east to enforce a peace pact signed two years ago to end the island's Tamil ethnic separatist rebellion.

Since October 1987, the Indian troops have got bogged down in a no-win war with the most powerful of the rebel groups, the Tamil Tigers, after the latter reneged on its pledge to honour the pact.

After a 15-mile push bicycle ride on a bumpy gravel road from the town, it was clear the Tigers still call the shots, and command support in the villages.

"You can see our support," N. Dinash, the district political leader of the Tigers told Kuna pointing to a crowd of people.

The people, numbering over 500, at Nelukulam village had gathered to commemorate the second death anniversary of a Tiger political leader, Thileepan, who died after a 12-day hunger strike in Jaffna.

The Tiger political leader, guarded by four body-guards carrying American and Soviet made rifles, clad in military uniforms accused the Indian troops of violating the ceasefire by continuing search operations and arrests of civilians.

He said over 550 of his men have died in the two years of war with the IPKF and claimed the Tigers to have killed 2,500 Indian troops and wounded 6,000.

Many civilians and officials fear a much worse war between the Tigers and their rivals to gain control of the two provinces if Indian troops leave.

"After much effort the foreign troops are now going to leave but whether we'll be able to prevent an inter-group fighting is the question," said a Muslim businessman in town.

"It is unfortunate that these groups claiming to fight for the welfare of the Tamils are killing each other," said the IPKF officer.

At least 200 rebels from rival organisations were wiped out by the Tigers three years ago in a bid to establish their supremacy and none in this town have any doubt there will be a repetition.

But Paraparam of the EPRLF is confident that with the Civilian Volunteer Force (CVF), a provincial police force now taking shape, and the total strength of the three groups, they could withstand any attack from the Tigers.

"A non-partisan force comprising all communities and groups living in the north and east should be formed to prevent any such violence," said Dharmalingam Siddharthan, political leader of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOte).

Plot is yet another group in this ethnic quagmire demanding the loyalty of the people and allegedly masterminded last November's abortive coup in Maldives.

The Tiger political leader, Dinash, too, said there are no unity moves. "There is no such move now."

Signs of an impending bloodbath has already begun to trigger off jitters, according to a local journalist.

Over 200 families, including Muslims and Sinhalese, have been chased out of their homes in and around Vavuniya for supporting either of the rebel groups, he said.

In some cases civilians, who live in the territory controlled by one side, are not allowed to enter the other's territory, he claimed.

A Tamil civilian said, at least five people have been killed due to the rivalry since the Sept 20 ceasefire.

"Nobody really knows who killed whom but the fact is innocents are being hammered from all sides," lamented the civilian.

"The intensity and brutality of the rivalry war has made the people more careful," said the journalist. "We open our mouths only to eat," said a retired government employee.

Two incidents this correspondent underwent in Vavuniya were perhaps a telling example of the insecure peace that lingers in this part of the country. (Vavuniya, Sri Lanka — Kuna)

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

How much is too much

US debates help to Gorbachev

A MAJOR debate going on behind the scenes here is to what extent United States should exert itself in helping to strengthen Mikhail Gorbachev's leadership. For some months those who argued that it was all up to Gorbachev to assert his leadership and that it was risky for the Bush administration to "throw itself in front of a train that was racing downhill at an increasing speed," as one American official put it, dominated the debate. They were also worried, as the Under-Secretary of State Egeberg suggested in a public speech, that "Gorbachmania" could lead to the disintegration of the Western Alliance.

Those who argue that the advent of Gorbachev's coming to power and his reform policies are in the national and international interest of the United States and therefore should get all the help the Bush administration can afford, have been gaining influence in the last few weeks. The reason is that Egeberg's speech got a poor reception in the American news media, that Congressional opinion has been veering in support of Gorbachev and his reforms and that there is a danger of a split in the Western Alliance if the United States continues to take too detached a view of the momentous changes that have been occurring in the Soviet Union.

It is true, even Soviet spokesmen admit, that there is nothing decisive the United States can do to strengthen Gorbachev's leadership. I attended the recent annual meeting of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Oslo which included representatives of the Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary.

What surprised everybody was the extraordinary frankness of the Soviet speakers, their pessimism about the prospects for success of the Gorbachev reforms and their admission that the help the West could offer is marginal. The most positive contribution the West could make, they suggested, is more private investments in the Soviet economy, further reductions in armaments to reduce military expenditures and assistance in training Soviets in industrial, financial and economic management.

When I asked one of them whether a summit meeting with Bush would reinforce Gorbachev's prestige, he replied that not only Western officials but Gorbachev himself attach too much importance to foreign policy developments. He added that Gorbachev is much more popular in the West than in the Soviet Union. There is a depressing shortage of consumer goods and no changes at the top of the Politburo will improve the state of public opinion until the public finds that perestroika is improving their living standard.

The problem for Gorbachev, he added, is the vast range of radical reforms needed to improve the situation and the fact that they cannot bring major improvements tomorrow. It will take three to ten years before the Gorbachev reforms can have an impact. Will the public be patient enough? That is the question to which none of the Soviet participants had an answer. We are now witnessing the transition between the old and the new Soviet society which, he said, could lead to serious internal upheavals.

Gorbachev's reforms, it appears, have broad support, people recognise that basic changes are necessary, but if they do not improve the lot of the average Russian, especially the manual workers, then the Soviet leader's political future will become dicey. He could be overthrown.

The ouster of three conservatives from the Politburo has made it easier for Gorbachev to reach agreed decisions, but it does not mean that it has silenced the opposition. Yegor Ligachev, the best known conservative to keep his seat on the Politburo, within a week once again attacked the Gorbachev programme. He is less opposed to perestroika as he is to glasnost. It is the latter, many conservatives claim, that has triggered the current unrest among nationalist groups. The combination of an ethnic revolt in various parts of the country and the dissatisfaction with the food shortages, could lead to a revolution — one of the Russians present at Oslo actually used that expression — and to civil war. So far Gorbachev has failed to come to grips with either of these problems.

To change a command economy to a free market economy has never before been tried on the scale as is necessary in the Soviet Union. It has been done fairly successfully in Spain and Portugal, but on a much smaller scale. No economist, Soviet or Western, sees an easy solution. And tough measures, such as lifting price controls and convertibility of currencies, are so radical that they would lead to more public disillusionment and social unrest. Gorbachev, no doubt, hesitates to promote such policies because they could lead to his political downfall. Price control lifting, for instance, has been postponed for three years. In his earlier plans he hoped to introduce these radical changes almost immediately to accelerate the transition and to act while he was at



Mikhail Gorbachev: reforms

his strongest politically. But he must have reached the conclusion that he could not risk such radical measures. Instead, he is now offering, farmers emoluments in foreign currencies to make it worth while for them to work harder and to bring their products to the market.

While the rouble has little value in their eyes and is therefore no incentive to labour harder, foreign currencies are seen to represent real value. There is general agreement that the key to improving the Soviet economy is agriculture and the man in the Politburo in charge of agriculture is Ligachev.

But to come back to the western approach to Gorbachev, I believe, that Prime Minister Thatcher has found the right balance. She has come out in strong support of Gorbachev's reforms and his vision, but at the same time she has warned that the West not lower its defensive guard too much. The Americans have stressed the latter much more than the former to prevent the kind of euphoria that has been spreading in West Germany. However, it has only strengthened sympathies for what Gorbachev is trying to accomplish among Europeans and weakened their faith in American judgement.

The Americans having responsibility for the defence of the West are of course worried that an overthrow of Gorbachev could lead to a reversion of Soviet policy and a new East-West confrontation. The Soviet participants at the conference said that a possible replacement of Gorbachev would lead to a major retrenchment in his reform programme and a slowing down in the arms control negotiations, but, basically, they thought it would not change the direction of Soviet foreign policy. There could be a cooling in East-West relations, but not another confrontational approach.

It seems to me that Gorbachev is a political and economic pace and trend setter. He is the one who courageously faces up to the problems of changes that have become inevitable to prevent the Soviet Union from becoming a Third World power.

But the reformers in world history often became

the victims of their advanced vision and only their successors succeeded in implementing the new reform programmes. That could be Gorbachev's fate too.

PLO-Israeli problems

There are some hopeful signs that the Israeli government and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation are now more acutely aware of the key problems they must try to overcome. The 10 point plan for holding Palestinian elections, offered by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, seems to have helped to confront both sides with more concrete issues to come to grips with.

Shimon Peres, the deputy-leader of the Israeli government, is supporting it and Prime Minister Shamir has come to see the need for a solution to the West Bank and Gaza problem and hence is not too far in accepting the Mubarak plan as the key to such a solution.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, is hesitant. He too sees the need for a solution, but is afraid that the election plan would gradually weaken the role of the PLO and create a new political force, the elected Palestinian politicians of the West Bank and Gaza. The Bush administration has welcomed the Mubarak plan, but does not want to get directly involved out of concern that it could be the death knell to progress. Quite rightly, it wants those directly concerned to enter into direct negotiations. It does not want to become the target of blame for any failure.

Except for the extremists, Israeli public opinion would agree to a solution to the Palestinian problem that has become an almost unbearable financial, political and economic problem; it has certainly weakened Israel's prospects for the future as a viable independent state. The Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are also increasingly aware that their subordination to the PLO and Arafat's leadership could delay a compromise solution promoting their own political aims through gradual progress.

But the reformers in world history often became

Middle East peace talks

Challenge for Bush

THE road to Middle East peace talks is proving to be a tough challenge for President George Bush's administration.

The Arabs refuse to accept an Israeli negotiation plan that has US support, and the Israeli government is dubious about an Egyptian variation that Secretary of State James Baker thinks might attract other Arabs.

Bush, in New York for a foreign policy address last Monday to the UN General Assembly, held a meeting with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres on the side.

Then Baker met Wednesday with Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, and held a three-way session on Thursday with Arens and Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmet Abdel-Meguid.

"I believe there may be some potential for progress," he told reporters afterward. Bush did not have to tell the Egyptian approach to Peres. The head of Israel's Labour Party already had accepted some of the most controversial Egyptian features.

These include a place at the bargaining table for Palestinians who were deported during the 22-month rebellion on the Israeli-held West Bank and in Gaza, and a prior commitment by Israel to relinquish most or possibly all of the land Egypt and Jordan lost in the 1967 six-day war.

Baker, on the other hand, apparently did not attempt to persuade Arens, who is from the Likud coalition headed by Yitzhak Shamir, that the Egyptian plan could lead to negotiations.

A key aide to Baker, obviously sensitive to Shamir's and Arens' opposition, insisted diplomatically that the 10 points advanced by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were neither a plan nor a proposal. He called it a "vehicle" for negotiations and reaffirmed US support for Shamir's plan.

The idea is not to antagonize Shamir, who has described the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations Mubarak is trying to set up in Cairo as "surrender talks."

Shamir's plan calls for participation only by Palestinians who live on the West Bank and Gaza. And he will not commit Israel to giving up land for peace.

The concept envisions limited self-rule for the Palestinians. After five years, a new round of talks would explore a lasting settlement.

Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has met with Mubarak and has accepted the Egyptian President's formula, which also would freeze further Jewish settlements in the territories.

But Mubarak's 10 points have split the Israeli government.

"In a government of 24 ministers you are bound to find differences of opinion," Arens said Wednesday after seeing Baker.

Arens understand the problem. It is reaching crisis proportions because it concerns how much Israel should concede in risky negotiations.

The Israeli "inner-cabinet" — the key ministers — will meet next Wednesday in occupied Jerusalem to debate Mubarak's proposal.

This could produce a compromise between the Shamir and Mubarak formulas. Baker's hope evidently is that the Israelis would be willing to go to the table with their plan and face Palestinians ready to negotiate on the basis of the Mubarak formula. (New York — AP)

Quote me

"It is high time we moved from trading artillery shells and accusations to hasten the peacemaking. To spread legitimate authority over the entire territory of Lebanon." — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia in an opening address on his behalf by Saudi foreign minister to the Lebanese Parliament meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia.

"Obviously it's very satisfying to be on pole again, especially as it's my 40th... But the race here will be tough — the circuit is hard to take and it's fundamental to have a well-balanced chassis." — Brazilian Ayrton Senna to reporters after snatching his 40th prime grid position for the Spanish Grand Prix.

"I think the race will be a 10 and 12 cylinder race, but the eight-cylinder cars running on Pirelli tyres have shown strong in practice." — Ayrton Senna assessing today's race in Spain.

"It will be very tough and very close. It is very difficult to overtake here. But it will be exciting for the spectators. I will have to make the most of the start. We all know Gerhard is very fast at starts so it will be a fight to beat him to the first corner, but I will try." — Brazilian Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna predicting today's race to be tough because he shares the pole position with Gerhard Berger of Austria, a fast starter.

"In all respects they have been ready to give priority to their own interests, regardless of the effect on other unions and particularly on the WRU. Nor are they concerned about adverse effects on other sporting bodies, including the Commonwealth Games." — Welsh Rugby Union president Clive Rowlands accusing South Africa of violating (Rugby Union) regulations.

"We the people of Port Elizabeth hereby declare Pollock beach open for the use of all people." — Reads a sign erected by former mayor of Pollock Graham Richards in defiance of apartheid.

"This mass, non-racial picnic reminds us who we are, that we are God's family. It is human selfishness and greed that makes beaches for whites only." — Rev. David Vika of the Interdenominational Ministers Association during a protest march on a segregated beach.

"I hope that the inhabitants of the Strand will realise that we have liberated them. They don't have to watch whether black people are walking on their beaches any longer. They will enjoy the liberation of being able to share." — Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, said after marching onto a segregated beach in Strand, near Cape Town, South Africa.

"We have claimed this beach for all God's people. Now we've set the beach free and we've set the police free. A few weeks ago they would have been chasing us." — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in a prayer service after a peaceful protest at a whites-only beach near Cape Town, South Africa.

"Our intention is to test the strength of the Heng Samrin government and force Phnom Penh to the negotiating table. Today is a very big day for the KPNLF. It is the largest victory in 10 years." — Acting KPNLF commander-in-chief Gen Dien Del, proclaiming victory over the Cambodian government of President Heng Samrin.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1596 — Duke of Norfolk is imprisoned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth for attempting to marry Mary Queen of Scots.
- 1800 — Spain cedes US state of Louisiana to France in secret treaty.
- 1838 — Britain's first Afghan war to prevent increasing Russian influence threatening British position in India.
- 1887 — Baluchistan is united with India.
- 1895 — Massacre of Romanians in Constantine.
- 1923 — Failure of black Reichswehr coup in Germany; responsible government is established in southern Rhodesia.
- 1927 — Russian-Persian non-aggression pact is signed.
- 1928 — Soviet Union inaugurates first five-year plan to increase farm and industrial production.
- 1949 — People's Republic of China is proclaimed in Peking under Mao Tse-Tung, with Zhou Enlai premier and foreign minister.
- 1960 — South Korean troops cross 38th parallel into North Korea.
- 1965 — Attempted coup in Indonesia.
- 1970 — United Arab Republic's Vice-President Anwar Sadat succeeds the late Gamal Abdel Nasser as president.
- 1972 — Chinese government celebrates 23rd anniversary and says way is open for friendly relations with United States.
- 1980 — Warsaw court gives legal approval to Poland's first six independent trade unions.
- 1988 — Iran and Iraq's foreign ministers meet at United Nations to resume Gulf war peace talks.

Indian Express story

SIR: I have been watching with some amusement the kind of material that your paper has been putting out about affairs in India. That is your concern. Mine is the fact that you have now extended your calumnies to smear the Indian Express also.

In your latest story you have accused us of having obtained favours from V.P. Singh and S.V.S. Raghavan former chairman of the Mines and Metals Trading Corporation in India. You insinuate that we obtained an undue advantage in the form of an unjustifiable increase in the rents paid to us by the MMTC for the space they have rented in our building. The canard is false and demonstrably so, and so on many counts. As you have put out this smear, please acquaint your readers by publishing the facts of the matter. They are as follows.

The State Trading Corporation of India and later the MMTC, its offshoot, have been tenants of the Indian Express from the year 1960 under lease agreements negotiated and settled from time to time. The Indian Express and the tenants have always agreed on a revised rent at the expiry of each lease term. The agreed rent was 60 paise per sq. ft. for three years from 1960, Rs 1 per sq. ft. for five years from 1968, Rs 2 per month in 1970-71, Rs 2.50 per sq. ft. for six years from 1981 and Rs 4.25 per sq. ft. to 31 March 1982.

On each occasion, these rates were revised by mutual negotiation, such rates being considerably lower than those prevailing in the market at the relevant time. In the year 1982, when the earlier

arrangement had expired, negotiations again began for a revision but no agreement could be reached on the quantum of increase. The Indian Express had demanded Rs 16 per sq. ft. as against the existing rate of 4.25 per sq. ft. because of this wide difference, the MMTC and Indian Express, decided to refer the issue to arbitration by a former chief judge of the Delhi High Court. The reference was made in June 1983. Curiously, the MMTC took the plea that although it was a party to the reference, the reference itself was illegal. Consequently, the arbitration proceedings came to a standstill. Although the arbitrate did not decide on the contention of the MMTC, it resigned in June 1984, and the issue remained unresolved.

Earlier (in February 1984), the counsel for the Indian Express had written to the then Minister for Commerce, V.P. Singh, stating that having agreed to refer the dispute about the quantum of increase in rent for arbitration and having made the reference it was improper for the MMTC to question the validity to respond to this letter.

However, pending reference to arbitration, a committee of officials appointed by the board of MMTC recommended negotiations with the Indian Express and made a final offer of Rs 10 per sq. ft. which the Indian Express did not accept. It stuck out for a minimum of Rs 12 per sq. ft. It was in these circumstances that it was again agreed to make a second reference to arbitration and the reference was made in September 1984. A month later MMTC conceded that the validity of the reference would not be questioned before the arbitrator. The arbitrator was chosen from a panel of three — a former chief

justice of India and two other former judges of the Supreme Court — suggested by the MMTC. The award was finally made by the arbitrator, who was a former judge of the Supreme Court, on February 16, 1985, fixing the amount of rent at Rs 8.50 per sq. ft. against the original MMTC offer of Rs 10 per sq. ft.

The false and reckless nature of the imputation that V.P. Singh was linked to this reference is evident from that fact that V.P. Singh had ceased to be a minister in the central cabinet on August 8, 1984, and had become the president of the UP Congress Committee. The fresh reference to the new arbitrator was made on September 4, 1984, nearly a month after V.P. Singh had left and the MMTC agreed to allow the arbitration without questioning the legality of the reference on October 5, 1984. That is two months after Singh had ceased to be a minister.

In April 1987 the government tried to plant the insinuation you have now published. It came to grief as its smear was soon nailed.

As part of its harassment the government then set its investigating agencies to try and fabricate a case on this basis against us. A month and half ago the Central Bureau of Investigation, which has been the government's arm in harassing many an organisation and individual, formally wound up the matter as it could find nothing on which to recommend prosecution.

Arun Shourie,
Editor,
Indian Express,
India.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Market indicators turn mixed

Kuwait trade volume dips

THE Alshail Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Sept 27, an average of 39.88 points which a slight decrease of 0.17 point - 0.42 per cent - from last week's average of Wednesday Sept 20.

The Alshail Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.39 with a decrease of 0.23 point - 0.34 per cent - for the same period, according to Alshail weekly market reports.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 24.05 million shares at a daily average of 4.81 million shares with a decrease of 23 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 6.22 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 2.28 million shares at a daily average of 0.456 million shares with a decrease of 66 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.336 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD11.8 million at a daily average of KD2.36 million, an increase of 29 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.83 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.08 million at a daily average of KD0.016 million, a decrease of 71 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.055 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 71 per cent of total trading against 42 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 35 per cent followed by the Gulf Bank at 34 and the Commercial Bank at 19 per cent. The services sector came second at 15 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 93 per cent followed by the Public Warehousing Company and Kuwait Commercial Markets Complex at 3 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 10 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 76 per cent followed by National Investments Company at 18 per cent and Kuwait Investment Company and Kuwait International Investment Company at 3 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain Middle East Bank had the lead at 54 per cent, followed by Umm AlQuain Cement Company at 35 per cent, and Arabian General Investment Company (SHUAA) at 11 per cent.

Market performance continues to show mixed signs. The concentration of trading in the banking sector resumed which led to the decline of the volume of trade while increasing its value.

Market activity was stronger at the end of the week due to certain political developments.

"We believe that these market fluctuations will persist till the end of the year with few short intervals of higher activity depending mostly on governmental declarations in the last quarter of the present year. The present market for Kuwaiti shares is a non-liquid market if viewed in general, however it is very liquid for a limited number of companies shares. This conflict should be solved by either decreasing the number of listed companies that have non-liquid shares due to their performance and risk factors, or by increasing the number of listed companies that have liquid shares. This cannot be achieved by inducing unjustified activity bursts and therefore this kind of practice should be avoided. Serious decisions should be taken in view of long-term analysis which would gradually solve the problem," the report said.

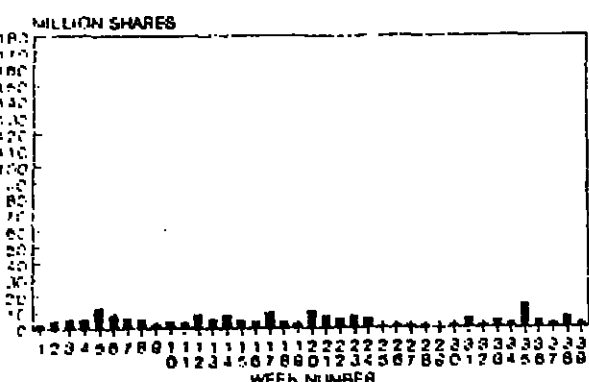
Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 27/09/89	Wed. 20/09/89	Change points
Banking Sector	123.82	123.82	—
The National Bank	33.25	33.69	-0.44
The Gulf Bank			

The Commercial Bank	24.15	24.59	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	32.80	32.80	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.97	31.44	-0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	27.58	28.10	-0.52
Kuwait Finance House	79.10	79.92	-0.82
Sector Index	48.19	48.48	-0.30
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	11.02	12.86	-1.84
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	9.79	10.31	-0.52
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Commercial Facilities	132.00	132.00	—
National Investments	58.82	58.82	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	92.13	93.26	-1.12
Sector Index	30.58	31.59	-1.01
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	38.87	37.08	1.79
Gulf Insurance Co.	23.85	23.85	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	46.77	2.03
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	37.60	36.33	1.27
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.31	16.31	—
United Realty	5.16	5.16	—
National Real Estate	35.44	35.44	—
Pearl of Kuwait	73.02	73.02	—
Sector Index	16.37	16.37	—
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	10.91	10.91	—
Refrigeration Indust.	82.36	83.45	-1.10
Gulf Cables	114.26	113.13	1.13
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	29.87	29.82	0.06
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	170.64	170.64	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	68.69	69.70	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	35.45	36.37	-0.92
Mobile Telephone Syst.	323.81	323.81	—
Sector Index	58.92	58.22	-0.30
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.34	10.34	—
Kuwait United Poultry	110.01	110.01	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	70.11	-1.15
Sector Index	38.91	38.10	-0.20
Overall Index	39.88	40.05	-0.17

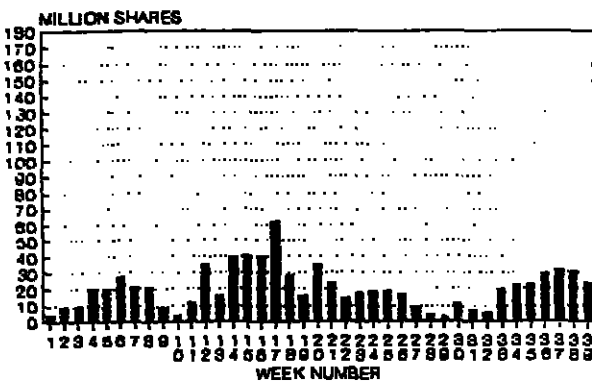
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 27/09/89	Wed. 20/09/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	89.66	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	87.32	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.18	43.94	-0.76
Umm Al Quain Cement	16.12	16.87	-0.75
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.78	—
Total Index	68.39	68.62	-0.23

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN.1 - SEP.27, 1989



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Economists predict continued slow growth

WASHINGTON, Sept 30, (A.P.): Many economists who were concerned earlier this year that a recession might be imminent are now predicting the nation's longest peacetime economic expansion will reach its seventh birthday in December.

"I think if we're going to have a recession it probably won't start

before then and I still think we will squeeze through 1990 without one," said Lawrence Chimerine, senior economic adviser at the Wafa Group in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. "But it won't be very buoyant growth."

The economy has been growing steadily since November 1982 when the nation came out of

its last recession, but many thought it might be pushed into another downturn this year by the Federal Reserve's efforts to slow inflation.

Beginning in March 1988, the Fed, as the US Central Bank is known, gradually tightened the nation's credit supply. Its goal became known as the "soft-land-

ing" — continued but slower economic growth to keep inflationary pressures in check.

Analysts were watching Thursday's release of the government's index of leading indicators, its chief economic forecasting gauge, for an indication of that growth in the months ahead.

ACC oil ministers to meet

BAGHDAD, Sept 30, (Opecna): Oil and energy ministers of the four-member states of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) will hold their first meeting here on October 7 to formulate a unified oil policy, it was announced yesterday.

The council, which was formed here in February this year, comprises Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and North Yemen.

The meeting will also discuss prospects for achieving co-ordination among the respective states in oil and energy sources and exchange of expertise in all areas of oil development.

The ministerial talks will be preceded by a two-day preliminary meeting Wednesday at expert-level to prepare the agenda for the Saturday parity.

A 1988 survey on Arab economic and oil and gas potential, conducted by the Kuwait-based Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapex), said ACC countries, with a total population of 82.2 million, possessed 105 billion barrels of proven oil reserves and more than 1.46 trillion cu. metres of gas. The total GNP/GDP ratio stood at \$88 billion.

Oapex asserted that the formation of regional groupings represented a major landmark in joint Arab action, adding that although the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) had been in existence for nearly a decade, the establishment of the ACC and the Arab Maghreb Union (Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia) had reinforced the view that integration would be carried out through a system of closely-knit groups.

Ticket sales take off

Flights overbooked

LAGOS, Sept 30, (Reuters): Travellers are rushing to fly out of Nigeria before Sunday to beat a 50 per cent rise in airfares. "Flights are overbooked" a sales assistant at British Airways' Lagos booking office said.

The rush to buy tickets started on Tuesday after newspapers reported the new tariffs would take effect from October 1.

A return ticket between Lagos and London, the busiest route, will cost 8,026 naira (\$1,100), up from 5,350 naira (\$733), a Nigeria Airways spokesman said.

Airlines pushed the government to approve higher fares to offset soaring operational costs and the dwindling value of the local currency.

Ecuador tries to resume oil exports

QUITO, Sept 30, (Reuters): State workers tried to resume crude oil shipments yesterday after army troops occupied Ecuador's oil installations, shut down by a strike of Texaco workers.

The move to bring in the troops followed the declaration of a nation-wide state of emergency by President Rodrigo Borja on Wednesday night, hours after the workers went on strike.

Troops occupied all the installations by Thursday night as 80 employees of the state oil company, Petroecuador, moved in to operate the strike-bound oil fields and the nation's main oil pipeline, said company spokesman Renato Guerrero.

"Our aim is to try to resume the pumping and transport of crude to supply the refinery and the port of shipment," Guerrero said.

He added that Petroecuador had managed to reactivate some of the output at the Lago Agrio oilfield in eastern Ecuador on Thursday night though it was not producing at full capacity.

The state of emergency suspended the constitutional rights of 740 Texaco workers. Oil industry sources say the workers are responsible for 75 per cent of Ecuador's estimated 300,000 barrels per day (BPD) production.

Oil discovery

BAGHDAD, Sept 30, (Opecna): A huge oilfield has been discovered in southern Iraq, which has been described as a "great national fortune and oil reserve."

A senior official at the Iraqi southern petroleum company was quoted by the Iraqi daily "Al Jimhuriyah" as saying that there were 13 wells in the field, code-named "Al Najma," which had been drilled to depths in excess of 4,800 metres.

Opec members back Kuwait's demand

Accord on quotas possible: minister



Sheikh Ali

KUWAIT, Sept 30, (Agencies): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa said the outcome of the general meeting was good and sighted unanimous support for Kuwait's right to 1.35 million barrels a day (bpd).

He said no agreement on distribution of quotas had been reached, but he added the stage had been set for future agreement on the issue.

"If there's a desire to reach an agreement that can be implemented, Kuwait and other member states should be allowed reasonable output quotas," Sheikh Ali said when he returned yesterday from an Opec meeting in Geneva.

The market monitoring committee of the 13-member organisation raised the production ceiling for the last quarter of the year by 1 million barrels a day from 19.5 million barrels as a stopgap measure until differences over the quota system can be resolved.

Sheikh Ali said the Opec production ceiling should be raised again because the 20.5 million-barrels ceiling "stops short of meeting the demands of member states."

Some member states have argued that overproduction by

others was keeping oil prices down. Opec's benchmark price is \$18 for every 42-gallon barrel.

Sheikh Ali said that the stopgap ceiling for the last quarter of the year "was a first step which we hope will be followed by another toward raising the production ceiling to match the situation on the market."

He said the outcome of the Geneva meeting was "good." But he added that "the important thing is that all member states have supported Kuwait's demand to have a minimum quota of 1.35 million barrels a

day." "Though there has been no agreement (in Geneva) on the distribution of quotas, we have developed a common ground upon which a more just quota system will be based in future," Sheikh Ali said.

Asked if he was optimistic that an equitable solution to the quota dispute could be worked out, he said: "We showed full flexibility during the meeting and hope other member states will follow suit so we'll be able to reach agreement on quotas. This is the only way to create control inside the organisation."

Meanwhile, Nigerian Minister of Petroleum Resources, Rilwanu Lukman has described the Iranian proposal on quota distribution among Opec's 13 member countries as "an interesting document."

In a press conference in Geneva following the end of the third Opec ministerial monitoring committee meeting, he said the proposal was "comprehensive enough with sufficient basis for discussions," adding that any document capable of opening up avenues for "solving the quota and production problems is worthwhile."

Opec price war ruled out

CARACAS, Venezuela, Sept 30, (AP): Opec's 13 oil ministers have agreed to meet at the first sign of sharply falling prices, Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Celestino Armas said yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference to explain his trip this week to Geneva for a meeting of Opec's market monitoring and long-term strategy committee, Armas said he rules out the possibility of an Opec price war.

"I believe all (Opec) countries learned the hard way the lesson of the price collapses of 1986 and 1988, and I dare say that no country within Opec is prepared to take action to harm other Opec members," Armas said.

He added that he and the 12 other Opec oil ministers agreed last week to meet "immediately" during any petroleum price collapse.

In Geneva the ministers announced Opec's total out-

put ceiling will increase from 19.5 million barrels per day to 20.5 million BPD. Of this, Venezuelan may produce an additional 88,000 BPD over its current quota of 1.742 million BPD.

However, Armas said that Venezuela's actual quota increase is less since the country's 40,000 BPD output of crude condensates will now be included in its quota. The real increase, said Armas, is 48,000 BPD.

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Experts to discuss financial markets

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

TOP Arab, British and American financial experts will gather in Kuwait next week to discuss the implications of the globalisation of financial markets and its impact on the GulfCo-operation Council countries.

The conference is to be held from Oct. 7 to 9, comes as Kuwait attempts to chart the future course of its economic development. Government planners and economists are still debating the merits of a proposal to turn Kuwait into a regional financial centre. They are particularly wary of the changes that such a move would trigger in the state's business and social environment.

The conference is expected to throw more light on the latest trends on the international markets where Kuwait is well known primarily as a powerful and shrewd investor, said Dr Moudi Al Hamoud in a statement. Al Hamoud is the dean of the College of Commerce, Economics and Politics, one of the conference organisers.

The experts will also discuss the response of market forces to the world debt crisis, risk management and the role of newly emerging intermediary financial houses. Among the lecturers will be the Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the chairman of the Arab Fund Abdul Latif Al Hamad, and chairman of investment banking houses such as Merrill Lynch and Solomon Brothers from the US.

More than 400 participants, among them a number of Kuwaiti senior students from the College of Commerce, Economics and Politics, are expected to attend the meeting. The conference is jointly organised by the College of Commerce, Economics and Politics, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kuwait Banking Committee and the National Bank of Kuwait.

Kenya raises petrol prices

NAIROBI, Sept 30, (Reuters): Kenya, hit by fuel shortages caused by international oil companies demanding price increases, has raised retail prices of petrol and all petroleum products by between 12 and 29 per cent.

Energy Minister Nicholas Biwott told reporters yesterday the price rises took effect immediately.

Premium petrol went up from 9.31 shillings (42 cents) to 10.48 shillings (47 cents) a litre, an increase of 12 per cent. Regular petrol and diesel rose by about 18 per cent and jet fuel by about 27 per cent.

Indian rupee.....	17.850
Sri Lankan rupee.....	7.530
Pakistani rupee.....	14.210
Bangladesh taka.....	9.140
US dollar.....	29755
Pound sterling.....	48075
Deutsche mark.....	15800
UAE dirham.....	68100
Japanese yen.....	002123

US consumers eye the incredible shrinking computer

BOSTON, Sept 30, (Reuters): The computer industry hopes small will be profitable as it introduces a new range of briefcase and even pocket sized models to the US market.

Manufacturers are banking on the incredible shrinking computer to tempt a wide spectrum of users, such as corporate executives, college students and even the elusive home consumer.

The hand-held computer has given rise to predictions that computers will become the calculators of the future.

Some analysts say the only question now is whether the Japanese, with their strength in consumer electronics, or American manufacturers, which still control personal computers, will dominate a hot new market.

"If the hand-held computer becomes a consumer electronics product, there is

no question that the Japanese will dominate," said industry consultant Tim Bejarin with Creative Strategies Inc.

But such American powerhouses as Compaq Corp, Tandy Corp and even International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) are laying plans for hand-held computers and could fend off the Japanese, at least in the corporate market, analysts said.

A new size plateau was reached this month by a joint US-Japanese effort. Poquet Computer Corp, based in Sunnyvale, California, but 28 per cent owned by Japan's Fujitsu Ltd, introduced a one-pound computer (less than half a kg) that is fully IBM-compatible and folds up to the size of a videocassette.

The Poquet PC has a seven-inch (18

cm) screen, a keyboard only slightly smaller than that of a standard desktop computer, and can run up to 100 hours on two small batteries. It is priced at \$1,995, making it one of the most expensive computers in the world on a cost-per-weight basis.

The gadget is targeted as a second or third computer for users of desktop personal computers, but analysts are doubtful that sales will take off at the current price level.

"I think a lot of the demand will have to do with the price," said Bill Lempe, consultant with the Market Research Dataquest Inc.

"If the price comes down below \$1,000, it could become a must-have item for a lot of different markets," he added.

Poquet is not the first hand-held computer, although it is the most advanced. Atari Corp. has just announced a one-pound device with a tiny screen and keyboard costing \$399 that observers dubbed an "electronic file folder."

It cannot run traditional software but can be used as an automated notepad, telephone directory, datebook and expense report file.

The Poquet and Atari products are the latest in a slew of ever smaller computers introduced in the last few months. Several Japanese manufacturers and one US maker are going after the notebook market — computers that fit inside a briefcase.

Portable computers are currently the fastest growing segment of the per-

sonal computer market and the notebook size is quickly becoming the most popular model.

Dataquest estimates that 620,000 portable computers will be sold in the United States this year, and the addition of the new notebook models will help push sales above 2 million within four years.

A study by Zenith Data Systems Corp, a leading US maker of laptop computers, estimates that 100,000 pocket and notebook size computers will be sold in the United States this year, and 280,000 by 1991, equal to 13 per cent of the entire portable computer market.

Portable computers have been around for several years, although the early models — weighing as much as 30 pounds (14 kg) were more aptly called

"luggables." Tandy Corp's model 100 and 200 were among the first laptop size and tens of thousands were sold to reporters and travelling sales people even though the machines had limited capability.

The newest machines come close to what Byte magazine product reviewer Michael Nadeau defines as the ideal laptop: under five pounds (2.3 kg), able to fit in a briefcase, a screen readable in poor light, memory large enough to store programme and data files, at least four hours of battery life, a modem and ports for an external monitor, floppy disk drive and printer "and it would have to have all this for under \$1,000."

Nadeau said Zenith's new Miniport and NEC Corp's ultralite come closest to his ideal, except for price — \$2,400 and \$3,000, respectively.

Bank executives urged to stay with the plan

Brady debt plan still on track despite doubts

NEW YORK, Sept 30, (UPI): Doubts may have clouded prospects for US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's initiative to ease the \$1.3 trillion debt burden on the developing nations, but experts think the Brady plan remains a useful tool for negotiating bank-debtor settlements.

The shape of Brady plan agreements between lesser developed countries, or LDCs in financial parlance, and the banks to which they owe often large parts of their foreign debt, however, will stem from a changing formula based on an array of political and economic considerations.

The benchmark so far is the Mexican agreement signed in July, which provides for as much as a 35 per cent reduction in bank debt, conversion of debt into long-term bonds at low interest rates or fresh loans.

But initial enthusiasm has waned a bit as closer inspection revealed the deal would not have all that sweeping an effect on the mass of the Latin giant's \$112 billion debt — \$69 billion of it held by banks.

And the US banks that Brady jawboned to the bargaining table with Mexico have sent a subtle

message to the secretary they won't be bullied again.

In rapid succession earlier this month, Manufacturers Hanover Corp., Chase Manhattan Corp. and J.P. Morgan and Co. increased their loan-loss reserves on Third World loans by a total of \$4.1 billion.

Most significant was the \$2 billion new provision of J.P. Morgan, which left its Third World loans covered 100 per cent. Although the bank holding company was not writing off its \$4 billion developing nation loan portfolio, the accounting procedure left it prepared to walk away if necessary.

J.P. Morgan chairman Lewis T. Preston voiced his concern over "rising expectations" of developing nations as to possible debt cuts, and guarantees pledged by the United States and other powers were inadequate, he said.

Expectations were too high on both sides.

"The Latins thought they were going to get substantial reductions and the bankers thought the government was going to take a hit for them," said debt expert Susan Kaufman Purcell, vice-president for Latin American affairs with the Americas Society Study Centre.

In the aftermath of the Mexican deal, second thoughts and a certain amount of scepticism were privately and publicly voiced.

All this induced Brady to seize the occasion of the International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Washington last week to tell luminaries of the global "debt set" that "the basic thrust of this strategy is sound."

President Bush backed him up and urged bank executives to stay with the plan — drawing the complaint from British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson that twisting bankers' arms is "foolish" and won't work.

Some experts think Brady is on the right track.

"The trend still remains one of improvement in the debt process as a result of the Brady plan," observed William Cline, a Third World debt specialist with the Institute for International Economics in Washington.

Cline said reserve boosting "tilts the Brady process more in the direction of the debt reduction than new money," he said, which is essential to catalyse economic growth in the debtor countries. But it doesn't mean banks necessarily will shy away from future

LDC lending like the plague.

Banks are, however, likely to be more exacting in future LDC negotiations and look very closely at the economic programme and performance as well as the payment records of countries they deal with.

The terms of future pacts are not likely to top those the banks granted to Mexico under heavy pressure from the Bush administration to cede major cuts. Mexico was an important test case and in good standing with the IMF.

"That (deal) was for Mexico, and I don't believe there exists an opportunity for it to be repeated elsewhere," John Reed, chairman of Citicorp, the largest US bank holding company, said recently.

An alternative model is the Philippine settlement made after the Mexican one with far less palaver — six days compared to 3-1/2 months — and with terms far more acceptable to commercial bankers.

Eschewing forced debt reduction, Manila sought pledges from banks to back new Philippine bond issues on world markets. It will seek to buy back some of its \$28 billion debt on the secondary discount market, too.

Envoy calls for dismantling barriers

Media criticised

TOKYO, Sept 30, (AP): US ambassador Michael Armacost called yesterday for further reform in Japan's import and distribution systems and chided the media for sensationalising conflicts in US-Japan trade relations.

"You need to take bolder steps to ensure that where there are barriers to imported products, they are removed," Armacost said in a speech to the Japan National Press Club.

"Impatience with those barriers grows with your economic success," he said. "The answer is not regulated trade, but for you to deregulate areas of the economy in which, if you'll allow me as a foreigner to say, your citizens enjoy the fruits of your labour in your own market."

He singled out Japan's complex distribution system as a barrier to international trade that should be addressed.

Armacost, 52, took up his duties as US envoy in Tokyo in May. He was previously undersecretary of state for political affairs and before that ambassador to the Philippines.

News reports, some American but mostly Japanese, perpetuate trade problems with provocative

language, Armacost said.

"One rarely sees US-Japan trade described without the emphasis being placed almost exclusively upon 'massatsu' (friction)," he said. "We're always hearing about the 'cherry war,' the 'beef and oranges war,' the 'landing of foreign capital.'"

He said frequent use in Japanese media of such terms as "massatsu," "kogeki" (attack) and "sen-so" (war) "repeatedly unfairly characterizes the relationship as combative and hostile," Armacost said.

"One gets the impression from the press that Japan is an armed fort. Trade is not like war, not a zero-sum game. Trade benefits both sides," he said.

The ambassador also said Japanese media promulgate the myth that Japan is so different from other countries that it should be treated differently. "Japanese uniqueness is overstated and used selectively," he said. "Acknowledgment of differences is fair, but not a defence against making any adjustments to the new realities."

He also challenged the Japanese media's portrayal of the US economy in decline.

Visit

Roberto D'Ambrosio, export and planning manager of Ripollieu SA, the leading glass manufacturers in Argentina, South America, arrived in Kuwait yesterday.

D'Ambrosio is on a visit to all Gulf Co-operation Council countries, where their products are well sold. He was received by the management members of Khalil Bahman Trading Est., who are their exclusive agents in Kuwait.

BAT loses appeal

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuters): BAT Industries of Britain lost an appeal yesterday against a decision by British regulatory authorities to give Sir James Goldsmith more time to pursue his hostile takeover bid for the tobacco-based conglomerate.

An appeal committee of the panel of takeover and mergers said it backed the full panel's decision to allow Goldsmith breathing room to tackle obstacles in the United States to the £13.5 billion (\$21.7 billion) offer.

The Anglo-French financier, backed by Australian entrepreneur Kerry Packer and British banker Jacob Rothschild, faces a protracted battle to obtain regulatory approval from nine US states to acquire BAT's California-based farmers' group insurance unit.

Fraud confirmed

Three options outlined

LONDON, Sept 30, (AP): Defence company Ferranti International Signal Pte said yesterday that preliminary findings of its investigation into accounting irregularities at a US subsidiary showed that it was defrauded and that it will be forced to make "very serious" asset write-offs as a result.

In a letter to shareholders, Ferranti chairman Derek Ahn-Jones said the company would have to reduce its net asset value by about \$185 million (\$302 million).

The reductions were forced by what the Ferranti chairman described as a "serious fraud" in the reporting of non-existent contracts at its International Signal and Control Group Pte unit at the time it bought ISC, a Lancaster, Pennsylvania-based company in 1987.

In the letter, Ahn-Jones outlined three options the Ferranti board was reviewing as means of injecting new capital into the company: a full takeover bid; inviting an investor to buy a major stake in Ferranti; and issuing more shares to existing shareholders.

Bombay share prices

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Sept 29	Industri	255	261.25	258.75
ACC	W. S. N.	75	70	77.50
Alcon Chem	Kia Engg	67.50	68	67
Alk Nis	KSB Pumps	100	100	102
ARI	L & T	100	100	102
Ashtek Ley	Lupin	87	87	88
Asiatic Ind	Mac Ramel	100	98	100
Atlas Cop	Mad Coats	96	95	96
Auto Corp	Mahindra	100	100	100
Bar Indus	Mass Share	100	100	100
Bajaj Auto	Mico	100	100	100
Bar Rayon	Milkfood	100	100	100
Blow Blast	Modi	100	100	100
Bom Dye	MRF Ltd	100	100	100
BK Bond	Mul Iron	100	100	100
Burr Well	Noel	100	100	100
Candare	Nippon	100	100	100
Can Eaks	Orkay	100	100	100
Can Spg	Overall Agro	100	100	100
Colgate	Pico	100	100	100
Comp Gr	Pfizer	100	100	100
DCM	Ponds	100	100	100
Deep Fert	Prem Auto	100	100	100
Dunlop	Ranby	100	100	100
El Hotels	Ray Wool	100	100	100
Esarta	Reckitt	100	100	100
BSE index	Reliance	100	100	100
Escort	Sess Gon	100	100	100
Espar Sup	Shree Wall	100	100	100
Good Spg	Shree Com	100	100	100
Forbes	Shri Pih	100	100	100
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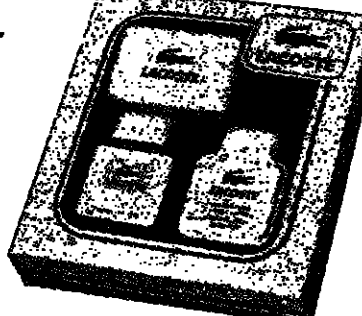
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Nigeria seeks to boost foreign investment

THE current policy of the Federal Government of Nigeria is to focus attention on laying a solid foundation for the national economy. This policy is reflected both in its domestic and foreign policies and aptly reflects Nigeria's interest in view of the changing circumstances of its national economy. The present administration has put in place a bold recovery programme to redress the economy which was adversely affected by the oil crisis of the 1980s, and massive importation of capital and consumer goods. The resulting distortions which were less apparent in the 'oil boom' years emerged with a crisis of deep proportions during the oil glut. The crisis was worsened by the collapse of commodity prices. Added to this is the exacerbating debt crisis which has stifled growth in many African countries.

The present administration embarked upon a home-grown structural adjustment programme (Sap) to overhaul the domestic economic system, stem the tide of economic decline, and make the Nigerian economy self-reliant, more growth-oriented and competitive. Under Sap wide-ranging opportunities have been created for new investments, in addition to investments in companies which are either being partially or fully privatised by the Nigerian government.

The present administration recognises the importance of increased foreign investment in Nigeria, particularly as these are non-debt creating flows.

Under the new Nigerian industrial policy, profit and dividend repatriation has been liberalised. In addition, regulated controls have

been removed and a one-stop approval for industrial establishment is now guaranteed in the Industrial Development Co-ordination Committee (IDCC). Also visa and immigration controls have been streamlined to allow genuine investors easy entry into the country. It is therefore important that foreign investors should understand this new investment climate.

Potential foreign investors are also called upon to take advantage of the government's debt conversion programme, to help reduce Nigeria's debt stock while participating in the development of the Nigerian economy.

The main component of government strategy for attracting foreign capital is the liberalisation of access to foreign exchange for individuals and companies provided through the Foreign

Exchange Market (FEM). Easier capital and dividend repatriation through less cumbersome procedures is a by-product of recent changes in the regulations. Another element of government strategy consists of amendments to the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree 1977 (NEPD). These amendments are designed to open up more areas for foreign investment. Thus in the amended decree, only one list of scheduled enterprises instead of three have been retained and which lists businesses exclusively reserved for Nigerians. Foreigners and Nigerians alike are now free to own up to 100 per cent equity, separately or in partnership, in any unscheduled enterprises. Foreigners are welcome to invest in the scheduled enterprises with a minimum capital of twenty million naira (\$20,000,000).

Ratiba hits a high note

Music & mission

'But then, there was my husband. He was adamant. The minister promised to have the more daring love scenes toned down to preserve peace in the family. In a way, I must admit that I willfully sacrificed my family life to further my career as a soprano.'

'Had Oum Koulthoum exploited and cultivated her voice and developed her natural talents, she would have become the Maria Callas of the Middle East.'

SHE has sung before presidents and has been playing musical instruments since the age of 5; now she heads the new Cairo opera which was inaugurated last year.

Ratiba Al Hefni was born into music. "It is hardly surprising I became a musician. One of my earliest childhood memories is of lying in bed at night before going to sleep and listening to the little intimate concert my parents used to give every night, with my father playing the flute and mother at the piano," she recalled in a recent interview.

This tall, slim, elegant woman in her late 50s has been called a superb soprano. But then musicality has been a family trait for several generations. Her father studied music and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin and her mother was born into a German family of musicians. The couple met in Berlin, married and later returned to Egypt with three daughters.

As a child, Al Hefni, the youngest of the three, loved music but imagined herself as a nurse rather than the top-class opera singer she was to become. "The piano lessons I started at the age of 5 could have remained what they are to most people," she noted, "merely a part of education. But only a few months after I had started learning the scales, I had overtaken my sisters."

Impressed, her teachers decided that she should go to Cairo's Institute of Music. Reluctantly, because piano in such high doses was boring and tiring to her as a child, Al Hefni complied. "Now I am very glad I did," she said, "because piano is what led me to singing."

This came about in an unexpected way. She had earned a scholarship to study the piano in Munich, but entrance to the German conservatory required that she study another discipline. "So I chose singing. My maternal grandmother had been a concert soprano, and I loved singing." She recalled that she was surprised at first when the teachers who auditioned her decided that singing should be her major subject and piano her minor. "I was delighted because singing opened up whole new horizons and I like the theatrical side of it," she recalled.

That idea of performing on stage may have been an added attraction for the young student, but it certainly did not appeal to her family. In those days it was considered socially unacceptable for a woman to perform in public. A singing career probably would have been impossible had it not been for a series of exceptional circumstances. It took no less than an intervention by the President of the Republic himself, Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Al Hefni's career took off in 1956, when Cairo hosted the Afro-Asian Congress. A whole series of cultural performances had been planned, including a performance of "The Merry Widow," an operetta by Hungarian composer Franz Lehar. Egypt's Cultural Minister of the day, Sarwat Okasha, had been unable to find a suitable soprano in Egypt to sing the lead and was planning to give the part to a Lebanese singer.

"Meanwhile," says Al Hefni, "I had been asked to give a 10-minute performance as part of all the other entertainments. I was reluctant to accept because I didn't much like the idea of singing to a public who was not used to Western classical music, but my teachers were so keen for me to do it that I finally agreed."

Little did she know that the president of the Republic, a music lover who enjoyed classical music as much as opera and operetta, would be attending that evening. Once her performance was over, the president asked whether a performer had been found for the "Merry Widow" part. When told that the part would go to a foreign singer, "the president apparently pointed to me and told the culture minister that I should sing the part," Al Hefni said.

The following morning the minister telephoned to tell her that she had been chosen for the part. "That is when the trouble started with my family. First of all, my mother was against it, because as a classical music purist she considered that singing in an operetta was somewhat degrading. Meanwhile, my eldest sister, who had married a minister, felt it was below her status to have her sister go on stage. And then finally my husband — I was married, with a child — considered the "Merry Widow" with its love scenes, to be very forward."

Yet the culture minister wouldn't take no for an answer. He called her brother-in-law to say it was the president's wish that Al Hefni should sing, and with that hurdle out of the way, the next thing was to persuade her mother, who finally relented.

"But then, there was my husband," Al Hefni added. "He was adamant. The minister promised to have the more daring love scenes toned down to preserve peace in the family. But in a way, I must admit that (on that occasion) I willfully sacrificed my family life to further my career as a soprano."

Later in life, Al Hefni said she realised that she had to keep a proper



Ratiba Al Hefni, tall, slim and elegant in her late 50s, has been called a superb soprano. Now she heads the new Cairo Opera.

perspective on the issue and be there for her family also. She took care not to put her work first, before her children or her husband. "I had offers of permanent contracts in Austria, Germany, France and Yugoslavia. But I always refused long-term engagements to preserve what was left of my family life. I would only accept temporary engagements, but I have never regretted the opportunities that I missed or turned down," she said.

Even though it did not bring her world fame, she found plenty of work in Egypt. Directing the new opera/culture complex which was built in Gezira thanks to a Japanese grant will occupy her fully for the months to come. Before that Al Hefni had produced music programmes on radio and television during her tenure as curator of the Higher Institute of Classical Arab Music in Cairo.

Without resting on her laurels, the energetic Al Hefni continued to further her musical education. She earned a doctoral degree, writing her thesis on the popular songs performed at wedding ceremonies in Fayoum, a large oasis some 120 kilometres west of Cairo. During that period she was introducing the great masters of Western classical music to the Egyptian public through radio and television. She admits that she has never sung any of the great Egyptian classics. "I tried once or twice to sing Asian songs, but was never any good," she explained. "In Western classical music the voice comes from the head and chest, whereas the Asians use the throat and the sound is very different. In a way there is no real learning involved in Arab singing, it is all a question of practice. Take for example the extraordinary late Oum Koulthoum (Egypt's legendary singer who is loved and admired throughout the Middle East). Had Oum Koulthoum exploited and cultivated her voice (in the Western fashion) and developed her natural talents, she would have become the Maria Callas of the Middle East. But regardless, she stands as a unique figure in the history of Arab music."

Fathy's simple way to house poor

A Picasso of the earth

CAIRO, Sept 30. (AP): In his youth, Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy determined to find a way to house the world's poor.

As years became decades, others sought answers in steel and concrete. Their high-rises grew higher; their little boxes dotted hillside.

But Fathy, looking to the magic beneath him, turned mud bricks, volcanic rock and sand into design masterpieces. For generations of young architects, he became a prophet, a Picasso of the earth.

His sweeping domed creations with shaded courtyards and latticed windows mellowed the harshness of the relentless desert sun against the expanse of a wind-blown Sahara.

They are seen not only in the Middle East but on a sun-baked mesa in the American west, reviving the use of mud brick, or adobe, in the Islamic community Dar Al-Islam in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

But in the land of his birth, where housing problems are acute, Fathy's remarkably simple solutions remain untapped.

Unable to convince Egyptian governments or the poor that mud is as glamorous as concrete, Fathy has found a following mainly among Egyptian intellectuals and Western architects.

Now 89 and in ill health, Fathy has seen his world narrow, but not his dreams. Surrounded by slender minarets and scores of cats, he struggles in his aerie above old Cairo to complete projects for three Egyptian oases.

He's nearly done. "People say to use mud bricks for housing is to take a step backwards, but in reality it's turning forward," he said in an interview. "Concrete blocks bear no human reference."

"It's disgusting when you lose hope, when you think your ideas are not being accepted in the right way, when people you want to serve can't grasp, don't want to understand."

"Every day in Egypt, around the world, babies and children are dying from improper housing. I have the answer, but nobody will listen. The answer is under foot."

Britain's Prince Charles, an architectural critic, pays homage to Fathy in his just-published book "A Vision Of Britain."

"A movement is developing which seeks to rediscover the Islamic and indigenous heritage, and to learn from the local environment the wisdom of ancestors, who knew so well how to build appropriately for the prevailing climatic conditions," Charles writes.

"People in the Middle East are now listening with increasing interest to a remarkable Egyptian architect called Dr Hassan Fathy who, for 40 years, has had to put up with persistent vitriolic criticism and denigration by the modernist architectural establishment."

Even so, the world's poor, some 800 million, remain out of reach. For them, Fathy said, there is no hope of decent

housing until officials take a different view of their plight.

"Government officials cannot grasp how poor poor is," he wrote in "Architecture For The Poor," now standard reading in architecture courses.

"Abandoned by God and man, (the poor) live out their short, diseased and ugly lives in the dirt and discomfort to which they are born. They need decent houses, but houses are expensive."

"How can people so poor that they cannot even afford to buy ready-baked bread even dream of a factor-made house. It's a pity that government authorities think of people as 'millions,' to be shoveled into various boxes like loads of gravel."

Fathy said governments can save money and spur initiative by letting peasants form co-operatives and do the work and encouraging them to use free or cheap materials according to their environment: mud, stone, limestone, wood or reeds.

He said peasant housing in Egypt is vastly inferior to ancient housing, mud-brick structures that often outlasted pyramids. Domed, with mud brick walls arched to give life and air, traditional housing gave way to what is seen today in the Egyptian countryside.

Fathy struggled to discover what the ancient knew, how to shape and curve mud bricks.

In 1941, his search took him to the southern Egyptian village of Gharb Aswan, where tradition hadn't clashed with modern technology.

"Every house was a wonder, every house different," he said. "A whole village of spacious, lovely, clean and harmonious houses, each more beautiful than the last."

The impact is evident in Fathy's designs. In 1980, he and two village masons sent arches and domes soaring into the New Mexico sky for America's first mud-brick mosque.

"The Americans were willing, but not the Egyptians," he said. "Americans have no inferiority complex. They're open-minded."

That led Fathy to recall his greatest heartache:

In the 1940s, the Egyptian government wanted to shift the 6,000 inhabitants of Gourna, a village on the west side of the Nile opposite present-day Luxor. Officials hoped transplanting the population would end a bustling centuries-old business of tomb-robbing.

Hired to construct a mud-brick village, Fathy wanted each house to suit the needs of an individual family. But that immediately clashed with bureaucratic dicta, which said the poor were too ignorant to decide for themselves. Officials stopped the project. The families were not transferred, and buildings that had been finished remained empty, a ghost town.

Fathy spent the next years designing public and private buildings in his homeland, his stunning use of mud brick and other natural materials gradually earning him an international reputation.

Are you an ideal husband, or the biggest mistake of her life?

How does your wife rate you?

DO YOU still give your wife all the love and attention she deserves? Or has your married life settled down into husbandly monotony? Do you consider your partner before you make a decision? Or do you rush ahead without giving her a thought?

1. Your wife has burned the dinner. Do you:
 - a. Take her out for a meal?
 - b. Buy her a cookery book?
 - c. Rustle up something else to eat?
2. You cannot agree on where to go for your holiday. Do you:
 - a. Go along with your wife's choice?
 - b. Stay at home?
 - c. Choose somewhere completely different?
3. Have you forgotten your wedding anniversary?
 - a. Never?
 - b. Once?
 - c. More than once?
4. On Valentine's Day, do you:
 - a. Send a card?
 - b. Not bother — it's not for married people?
 - c. Buy a special present?
5. You find a love letter in your wife's pocket. Do you:
 - a. Confront the sender?
 - b. Ignore it and take her out for a romantic dinner?
 - c. Challenge her about it?
6. You have gone out for a drink with a colleague from work. Do you:
 - a. Phone home and explain you are going to be a bit late?
 - b. Say you are in a meeting and are going to be delayed?
 - c. Roll home drunk a few hours later?
7. Your wife does something embarrassing. Do you:
 - a. Tell everyone at a party?
 - b. Have a quiet chat between the two of you?
 - c. Tell a few close friends?

8. Do you ever bring home surprise presents?
 - a. Sometimes?
 - b. Never?
 - c. Often?
9. Your wife buys you an outfit you hate. Do you:
 - a. Hide it at the back of your wardrobe?
 - b. Say it doesn't really suit you?
 - c. Wear it to please her?
10. You are offered a job abroad for a couple of weeks. Do you:
 - a. Snap it up straight away?
 - b. Talk it over with your wife?
 - c. Only agree to go if your wife can come too?
11. If you had an unexpected windfall to spend, what would be at the top of your list?
 - a. A new tool kit for you?
 - b. A sexy nightie for her?
 - c. A washing machine?
12. Your wife has forgotten to mend your trousers. Do you:
 - a. Drop subtle hints?
 - b. Mend them yourself?
 - c. Nag?
13. Your wife is getting a little too friendly with someone of the opposite sex. Do you:
 - a. Leave them to it?
 - b. Edge your way into the conversation?
 - c. Go on the razze yourself?
14. Do you still make an effort to look good?
 - a. Only when you go out somewhere special together?
 - b. Most of the time?
 - c. Rarely?
15. Your wife suggests a second honeymoon. Is your reaction:
 - a. "Great, where to?"
 - b. "If you want to?"
 - c. "We can't afford it?"

16. When did you last tell your wife you loved her?
 - a. Not in the last few years?
 - b. On her last birthday card?
 - c. In the last couple of weeks?
17. You have had an enormous row. Do you:
 - a. Ignore your partner until she apologises?
 - b. Brood for weeks?
 - c. Apologise and make it up straight away?
18. Do you chat to each other:
 - a. More than ever?
 - b. Only if you need to discuss a problem?
 - c. Very rarely?
19. You do not like your mother-in-law. Do you:
 - a. Keep out of her way every time she visits?
 - b. Refuse to have her visit?
 - c. Be nice to her for your wife's sake?
20. Your wife is feeling under the weather. Do you:
 - a. Tuck her up in bed and give her tea and sympathy?
 - b. Buy her some medicine?
 - c. Tell her to pull herself together?

140-200
You are kind and considerate and always ready to please. You are careful never to upset your partner or go against her wishes. In fact you are really too good to be true.
But you could fall into the trap of being too meek and submissive. Your wife probably takes it for granted that you will do exactly what she wants. And if you are not careful you may end up as a subservient lap dog.
Try standing up for yourself and don't be pressurised into doing something you would prefer not to do.
70-125
Your marriage is as steady as a rock. You are thoughtful and caring but you are careful not to fall into a subordinate role.
You might have a slight flaw in that the longer your marriage goes on the less considerate you may become. But your wife will no doubt point this out as you have a very honest relationship.
0-65
On a scale of one to ten your wife would probably rate you as unclassified. You might have been loving and caring when you were first married but now you simply take your partner for granted.
If you don't snap out of your self-centred attitude you could soon be heading for the divorce courts.
Go through the questions again and see if you could try to be a little more thoughtful and turn over a new leaf.



FILIPINO DIGEST

Cownapped: Twenty armed men claiming to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) rebels raided a ranch owned by Asia Brewery Corp. and forcibly took ten cows worth P100,000 in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Three barangay tanods who worked as ranch guards were also hogtied and robbed by the armed men.

The incident happened in Barangay Malilit.

The two tanods — Benjamin Laserna, 50, Jose Magno, 50, and Miguel Complete, 50, who were guarding the ranch at the time, told officer-on-duty Pfc. Danny Vallejo that the men wearing fatigues came in a six-by-six truck and army-type jeep and forced their way inside the ranch. They were armed with .45 pistols and ArmaLite rifles.

The men then picked 10 cows and loaded them in the truck.

Before leaving the ranch the men told the three tanods, "Bakit ba kayo nagtiyaga na nagbantay rito na wala kayong baril. Dapat ding bawasan ang kayamanan ng may-arinito."

Trapped in vault: A woman medicine professor who was allegedly locked up inside a vault of the United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) branch in this city Wednesday has sued the bank and three of its officials and employees for more than half a million pesos in damages.

In a complaint filed before the Cebu Regional Trial Court, Dr. Gloria Bacay alleged that she was "trapped and imprisoned" for about 20 minutes inside the bank's vault while getting some personal things from her safety deposit box last June 30.

She accused the bank and the three personnel of "gross and reckless negligence" that resulted in her "traumatic experience."

Named respondents in the damage suit were Alex Pimentel, the bank's branch manager; Panfilo Gemenia, cashier and vault-in-charge; and Lynne Wamilda, the manager's secretary and vault attendant.

In her complaint, the lady physician said she was inside the vault by the vault attendant.

As she started to open her safety deposit box, the light suddenly went out, Bacay said.

Bacay said it took her about 20 minutes to find the "Emergency Ventilation" sign and had to bang the vault door about a hundred times before a bank employee, whose desk was near, hear her and opened it.

Bacay asked the court to order the defendants to pay jointly and severally P500,000 in moral, nominal and exemplary damages, P50,000 in attorney's fees and P10,000 in litigation fees.

Stabbed by friend: A mechanic was stabbed by his friend after an argument inside a taxi garage in Marikina.

Nelson Rambuyog, 28, of Southeast Narra St., Marikina Heights, Marikina suffered three wounds in the right chest and one in the left arm. He is now fighting for his life at the E. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital.

Pfc. Jaime Gamueta said witnesses cornered the suspect, Robilio Rosario, 37, of 209 Retiro St., Quezon city, in the garage.

Witnesses said Rambuyog and Rosario began fighting in the garage of the Ahlan Wasalan Taxi Company on Southeast Narra St. at 7 a.m.

Rosario pulled out a fan knife and stabbed Rambuyog, witnesses said.

"Yumapos na sa kanya si Nelson pero hindi pa rin niya tinigilang sakakin," witnesses said.

Rosario, now detained in the Marikina jail, refused to comment.

Ambush victim dies: The Solid Bank Quezon city branch manager died Tuesday at the United Doctors Hospital, 20 days after he was shot and wounded by two men on Espana in Sampaloc, Manila.

Dionisio Mercado, 50, of 906 St. Tomas St., Sampaloc died from a bullet wound in the back of the head.

Investigators working on the case are facing a blank wall because Solid Bank employees and Mercado's relatives refused to co-operate with them.

Mercado was driving his red Celica on his way to work when two gunmen in a white Lancer with plate No. NSF-991 shot him.

WPD homicide chief of investigation Sgt. Rudy Janer said the bank employees could not give them any lead to establish the motive behind Mercado's killing.

Grenade kills maid: A young housemaid was killed in a hand grenade explosion in Barangay Caniogan, Pasig.

Lilia Gases, 16, of Ormoc City, Leyte, died from shrapnel wounds in the body while being rushed to the Rizal Medical Center, Cpl. Reynaldo Zapata said.

The explosion occurred 9.30 am at 26 Quiguog St., while Gases was cleaning the bedroom of his employer, PC Lt. Jose Romano Salido who was not around.

Houseboy Rolando Tumalac, 18, said he saw Gases trying to open a cabinet in the bedroom shortly before the explosion.

"Hindi ho namin alam kung may granada sa loob ng kabinet ng amo namin. Basta na lang ho may sumabog," Tumalac told Zapata.

Forgery uncovered: A forgery syndicate alleged involving Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) personnel and car smugglers was uncovered by Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) agents.

The BIR stumbled upon the syndicate's activities with the apprehension of one Melchor Alipato, a dispatcher of Grocer's International on Bilbao street in Baguio, according to special investigation team chief Alfredo C. Sereno.

Revenue agents said that the suspect went to the BIR office to apply for a Certification of Payment for a "chop-chop" Isuzu Elf engine.

Examination of the submitted documents composed of BIR confirmation receipt and payment order, revealed that said documents were fake.

Alipato said a certain Reynaldo Go, his alleged employer, asked him to apply with the BIR for the CP with the said document.

THE decline of Bonnie & Clyde: A couple dubbed as "Bonnie and Clyde" for their shabu trade were arrested after selling the stuff to a traffic aide during a buy-bust operation by Pasay City policemen this week.

Car painter Manuel Santillan, 24, of 2466 Tolentino St and Myrna Gomez, 32, of 2472 M. Dela Cruz St., both in Pasay City were arrested by Pfc. Tomas Chu and Patrolmen Willy Sales and Alfredo Villa, all of the city police's anti-narcotics unit at about 6 am on De Jesus corner Dela Cruz Streets.

Traffic Aide Antonio Pica, 21, paid the couple with a marked P50 bill and signalled the lawmen when Santillan handed to him an aluminium foil containing shabu.

Gomez yielded an improvised burner and other shabu paraphernalia.

The couple told lawmen they got the stuff from a shabu dealer they identified only as Manny.

They will be charged with illegal selling of shabu.

NURSE accused of murder: A nurse at the clinical laboratory accused by a woman of bleeding her son to death told an aunt of the boy that he was already dead when brought to the lab after a near drowning incident.

Denica Lorenzo, 32, aunt of victim Jasper Mendoza, 10 admitted that when she went to the Blessed Family Clinic in Paranaque with her brother-in-law Victor Lorenzo, his mother Lillana Lorenzo and her niece Julieta Serasti nurse Evelyn Ocampo told them, "Patay na siya (Jasper) nang idating. Ginawa na namin ang lahat ng aming magagawa."

Ocampo, according to the Denica, appeared nervous. The nurse left the room and later led the Lorenzos to Jasper's body.

"Bumubula ang bibig ni Jasper at nagdurugo ang mga braso nang datnan namin siya sa isang malit na kuwarto," the Lorenzos said.

Jasper's mother Helen, 39, has filed charges of neglect of duty against the Blessed Family Clinic.

An older brother of Jasper, Errol 12, and tricycle driver Antonio Chua, who brought Jasper to the clinic, had claimed the boy was still conscious when rushed there.

Errol claimed that when staff of the Blessed Family drew blood from his brother's arms with a big syringe, Jasper was still able to call his name. Before he could move toward Jasper, a man whisked him out of the room, Errol said.

When the Lorenzos brought Jasper's body home, the clinic did not ask them to pay for anything.

At home, while waiting for funeral parlor personnel, Lillana found Jasper's arms beginning to darken and blood still oozed from what seemed to be puncture wounds, Lillana said.

"Kung totoong sinasabi sa death certificate na ang apo ko ay 'dead on arrival' sa clinic, bakit kinunawa pa nila ng dugo sa magkabilang braso at kamay?" Lillana said.

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Jasper was playing last July 29 with Errol when the older boy slipped and fell into the Vitalez creek in Paranaque.

No bribe try, Aquino declares

PRESIDENT Aquino said it was true she offered jobs to members of an anti-graft body in Tarlac but explained that these were made so they could monitor alleged irregularities involving Gov. Mariano Un. Ocampo III.

Several congressmen, meanwhile, supported a demand for the ouster of Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague who was implicated together with Aquino in a "bribery attempt" to "cover up" the scandals in the President's home province.

Rep. Gregorio Andalana (LDP, North Cotabato) demanded in a privilege speech the resignation of Carague for his involvement in the reported coverup.

He said Carague should also explain "why on earth the government kept Tarlac financially obese and public works heavy while the rest, especially the Mindanao provinces, are cash-starved and made to live on crumbs."

"The (job) offer was made to the anti-graft council so that they

(its members) can monitor what was happening and they could denounce any impropriety that the Tarlac local officials might be committing," the President said in a written answer to questions submitted by reporters.

Aquino denied that the offer amounted to a "bribe," as alleged by Jose Esmundo, council spokesman.

"Firstly, if, indeed, a bribe attempt was made at the meeting, why did the reaction to it come more than a month later?" the President said.

"Secondly, would a bribe be offered within hearing of such a big assemblage?"

"Bribery is often very hard to substantiate because it is usually made in a very discreet manner with a minimum number of persons being privy to it," she said.

Malacanang released the guest list who had lunch with Aquino at the Guest House on Aug 18, when the alleged bribe was made.

Among those on the list were Aquino's brother-in-law, Sen Agapito "Butz" Aquino.

Carague, Ocampo, Jo Clemente, media liaison officer of the Tarlac Anti-Graft Council; and Jose Esmundo, council spokesman.

Also present were Dr. Cristeta Ramos-Tabamo, chairman of the council and Pacy Teopaco, a sister of Aquino.

The meeting was called after the council exposed alleged irregularities involving the disbursement of millions of pesos in public funds by Ocampo, a close friend of Aquino's family.

Esmundo told the Senate blue ribbon committee the other day that Aquino and Carague offered them four key posts in the Lingkod Tarlac Foundation and the pre-qualification, bids and awards committee (PBAC) of the provincial government.

"I have made similar offers to other NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and PVOs (private volunteer organization)," the President said.

"In fact, I have institutionalized the system by creating the regional and provincial develop-

ment councils."

"I have also asked the National Coalition for Transparency which is likewise composed of civic leaders to get involved in the affairs of the government not only to punish those who are guilty of any misdeeds but also to assure transparency in the award and execution of government contracts," she added.

Senator Aquino denounced Esmundo, saying he imputed malice on a "sincere" offer of the President for them to have access to the records of offices where irregularities were supposedly taking place.

Members of the House of Representatives—the only body where impeachment proceedings can be initiated—appeared soft in rendering judgement on the President.

House Minority Floor Leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela), said "it is lamentable that the highest official of the land would attempt to silence a probe into the anomalies being committed

right in her home province."

But Albano said the 19-man opposition bloc in the House was still trying to determine whether there is enough basis to pursue impeachment proceedings against Aquino. Under the Constitution, impeachment charges can be heard by the House if endorsed by at least one member.

Among those who also called on Carague to voluntarily step down or go on leave "due to delicadeza" are Speaker Pro Tempore Antonio Cuenco, Asst. Majority Floor Leader Ronald Zamora, Raul Roco and Oscar Orbes, and Cavite Rep. Leonardo Guerrero.

Speaker Ramon V. Mitra also gave the go-signal to order Carague to appear before the House's Question Hour.

Ranking House leaders belonging to the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino have also joined the call for Carague's ouster. On whether the President can be questioned on ethical grounds, Roco said he believed "there is no bribery, as far as we



Aquino

can see from news reports.

Even Rep. Bonifacio Gilgado (Ind., Sorsogon) said he found nothing "deceitful" about Aquino's offer to the members of Tarlac's anti-graft body.

"I would not be too harsh in judging her. She may just want to end a case which is really embarrassing for her. I think she meant well. At most, she may only be guilty of naivete or lack of awareness about the seriousness of this matter," said Gilgado, leader of the so-called progressive bloc in the House.



A good laugh

TWO heads of political parties — Sen. Aquilino Pimentel of PDP-Laban, and Sen. Neptali Gonzales of the LDP — must have found something amusing during a committee hearing at the Senate. Nobody got to know what the matter was. But the question is: Who'll have the last laugh?

NEA chief linked to anomalies

NATIONAL Electrification Administration chief Rodrigo Cabrera has been linked to a string of irregularities in the agency but he said the charges have been played up as part of an orchestrated campaign by disgruntled employees and three congressmen to oust him.

Linked to the anomalies along with Cabrera were Mario David, NEA deputy administrator for finance and Ernanie Isla, director for finance.

Cabrera denied involvement in any anomaly in the NEA. He said reports on the irregularities were part of efforts to remove him from his position.

He said the campaign to oust him is led by disgruntled employees and three congressmen who had been lobbying for NEA contracts and appointments.

The NEA chief identified the three congressmen but said he was not ready to name them in public.

"As a public servant, I am prepared to suffer the consequences of my position," he said. Documents provided by Violeta Quimpo, spokesman of NEA employees, showed that Cabrera purchased from NEA funds P100 million worth of treasury bills resulting in a loss of P113,000; transferred NEA funds totalling P116 million resulting in P1.5 million in losses; partly owns a company providing services to electric co-operatives; released P539,000 for NEA's anniversary last August; failed to settle with the commission on Audit P171,245 spent for buying a set of encyclopedia, paintings, advertisement and an unspecified spendings for the programme "Jaywalker-on-the-air" over radio station DZRH.

The documents also alleged that Cabrera maintains four personal bodyguards in his residence and

paid a total of P94,856 since January this year for the salaries of the guards.

Asked to comment on the charges, Cabrera admitted having bought P100 million worth of treasury bills from the Exchange Capital Corp, a private firm, but said the investment resulted in a P3.2 million profit for the government.

"Kumita yung pera ng P3.2 million. Asan ang pagnanakaw doon?" he asked.

He added that the purchase of the T-bills was "verbally" approved by Felicitas Mancenilo, COA auditor, but the approval was withdrawn also "verbally" because of pressures on Mancenilo by Cabrera's enemies.

But the COA is not about to let Cabrera off the hook.

The commission recommended last Sept 6 the filing of administrative and criminal charges against Cabrera for violating government rules which prohibit officials from investing government funds in private business ventures.

The COA also named David and Isla in the charges.

He denied having transferred NEA funds in the DBP to the Land Bank of the Philippines, but the documents showed that on April 12 and April 19 this year, NEA officials led by Cabrera terminated the agency's P116 million accounts in the DBP and deposited them instead to the LBP.

The documents said the LBP offered commissions to government officials in the form of free plane tickets and pocket money in exchange for placing government funds in the banks.

Military alerted on new coup bid

SOLDIERS and policemen in Metro Manila were placed on alert following persistent reports that an ultra-rightist group, possibly in league with those of cashiered Army officer Gregorio Honasan and other renegades, were planning a new coup try.

The reports said the spate of bombings the past several days and telephone bomb threats were part of the plot.

President Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts, virtually confirmed the reports. Answering newsmen's question at Malacanang, she said: "There is a possibility that this chain of events could be part of a scenario set by some sectors who would like to grab power." A few days ago, she was quoted as saying Honasan and his group could no longer mount another push.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, who has previously warned about the danger of a military takeover, said the US Central Intelligence Agency could be behind the plot.

He clarified this by saying that his prediction of a takeover was based on his observation, not

from intelligence reports as mentioned in some newspaper.

US embassy spokesman Jerry Huchel refused to comment on Pimentel's charge but reiterated Washington's full support for Aquino.

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of his chamber's committee of defense and national security, said he has been hearing reports of such a plot by some disgruntled soldiers but these were "unverified."

There is no possibility they will succeed, if there is any (plot). For one thing, the people will not support any such attempt," Maceda said.

Minority floor leader Jaun Ponce Enrile, for whom Honasan used to provide security, said he has not heard of such a plot.

A military report sent to all police stations and military camps yesterday said the plot included the "kidnapping and assassination of cabinet members and prominent political figures, and bombings of vital government installations."

In related developments:

- Police and military commanders in Metro Manila were ordered by the AFP high command to monitor the activities of their subordinates to determine who are supporting the ultra-rightist groups.
- Members of the AFP's bomb disposal unit were ordered to guard at least three government offices in Quezon city which received bomb threats yesterday morning.
- Marcos loyalists and cause-oriented groups marched through various streets in Metro Manila in observance of the 17th anniversary of the proclamation of martial law.

The reports, shown by a military intelligence officers who requested anonymity, said the plotters included dismissed military officers identified with the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM), right-wing politicians, supporters and cronies of the late President Ferdinand Marcos, and other "disgruntled" military and civilian personnel in active service.

Probe urged on drug ring protection

SEN. Ernesto Herrera asked the Senate to look into the reported connivance between drug syndicates and members of drug enforcement agencies, particularly the Narcotics Command.

In a privilege speech, Herrera said corrupt policemen and soldiers, were protecting drug activities, making it difficult for the government to penetrate and neutralize the operations of these syndicates.

"Let us be frank, Mr. President, we are living in a country where law enforcers can be bribed, court cases fixed and protection from the law can be had for a monthly retainer," Herrera said.

Quoting intelligence reports, Herrera said there are three major drug syndicates operating in the country, namely the 14-Karat Gang, United Bamboo Gang and the group of Pepe Oyon.

Heads of these syndicates, Herrera said, deal with a layer of top managers comprising the big-time pushers in the country who maintain a network of street pushers, the ones usually arrested in buy-bust operations.

Aside from locally cultivated and manufactured drugs, these syndicates also source their supplies from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Vietnam, Herrera added.

The senator quoted law enforcers led by Narcotics Col Virgilio David as saying the street level arrests of dope pushers are futile unless the real suppliers of drugs are also jailed.

Herrera said the three major syndicates, however, recently experienced tremendous setbacks with the deaths of Peter Yang, Choi Bobby Torres, the reported disappearance of Tomas Chua Velasco, believed to be the king of drug trafficking in the country.

The senator also bemoaned the government's inability to address the drug threat as top priority in the national agenda.

"I believe one reason is that so many of our leading families in this country, having been embarrassed by their children falling victim to drugs, would rather see this crisis contained by silence," Herrera claimed.

De Guzman tries to appeal

Asks to stop Villa's probe

SUSPENDED Rep. Nicanor de Guzman Jr of Nueva Ecija asked the Court of Appeals to stop Pasay City Fiscal Francisco Villa from investigating him for allegedly smuggling into the country 314 firearms at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

In related developments:

- Rep. Lally Laurel Trinidad filed a resolution calling for a speedy investigation and resolution of the charges against De Guzman.
- Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, Constabulary chief, ordered an investigation on the alleged unauthorized trip to the United States of Maj. Jacinto Binuya and his alleged participation in the attempt to smuggle guns.
- Gerald Huchel, US embassy spokesman, denied reports that the US government "leaked" a document containing an alleged signature of President Aquino authorizing the purchase of 800 guns in California.

In a 21-page petition, De Guzman told the appellate court that Villa should be stopped from proceeding with the preliminary investigation because he has no jurisdiction over the case.

De Guzman said Villa has no jurisdiction because the alleged crime was committed at NALIA which is part of Paranaque, not of Pasay City.

Customs agents on Sept 5 seized 314 guns contained in 10 balikbayan boxes which bore the name tags of De Guzman and his companion, businessman Ponciano Datu.

De Guzman went to the Court of Appeals despite the practice that all smuggling cases at the NALIA are filed with the Pasay City fiscal's office. Legal observers said De Guzman may be resorting to delaying tactics.

In his petition, De Guzman also denied participation in the smuggling attempt.

De Guzman's assistance on his innocence notwithstanding, the

House gave him a 60-day suspension for "disorderly behaviour." The decision triggered off a public outcry as many had expected De Guzman to be expelled.

At the House, meanwhile, Trinidad filed a resolution calling for a speedy disposition of De Guzman's case. She said the charges against De Guzman had greatly damaged the integrity and honour of the House as an institution because the case has already stirred negative publicity and provoked public outrage.

Trinidad said the resolution was intended to establish and punish the culprit or culprits and save the House from further embarrassment.

At a Camp Crame, Montano directed the PC Judge Advocate General to conduct an special investigation on Binuya, district commander of the Constabulary Highway Patrol Group in Northern Mindanao, who allegedly went to the United States to buy guns.

Montano directed Brig Gen Carlos Malana, PC/INP inspector general, to find out "within 72 hours" if Binuya had violated military rules and regulations.

Binuya may be charged with violation of Article of War 62 (absence without official leave) if he is found to have left the country without any official authorization.

A California gunstore owner identified Binuya as the buyer of 800 assorted firearms in November 1988. The guns Binuya purchased allegedly included the 314 firearms seized from De Guzman at the Manila International Airport last Sept 5.

Binuya, however, denied this. He said he bought only three guns from the California gunstore, and showed a US state department clearance to support his claim.

Binuya also admitted having gone to the US four times. He said he was in the US in 1986 for military schooling.

'Hatid-Saya '89' and other newsbriefs

THE Philippine Embassy in Kuwait wishes to announce that the much-awaited 'Hatid-Saya '89' is tentatively scheduled to perform in Kuwait on the second week of November this year.

Famous Filipino musical and comic artists like: Bert Marcelo, Pilita Corrales, Dulce, Nova Villa, Rey Valera, Ricky Belmonte and Sherry Cruz are expected to fly over to Kuwait and perform to packed audiences.

This early, it would be nice if some feedback can be given to embassy from the different communities of Filipinos as to how many seats they may require for the show.

Watch out for details in this corner!

On the future of the US bases:

Representative Jose de Venecia (LDP-Pangasinan) has asked President Aquino and Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Manuel T. Yan to discuss with US Vice-President Dan Quayle the joint use of US military bases preparatory to their turnover in 1991.

Speaker Ramon V. Mitra said the new treaty resulting from the forthcoming bilateral negotiations of the US military bases agreement "ought to be submitted to a plebiscite, before the Senate, the government's treaty-ratifying body, acts on it."

Mitra's stand runs counter to that of Senators President Jovito Salonga and Juan Ponce Enrile, who said that the new treaty should be first ratified by the Senate before being submitted to a plebiscite.

President Aquino said she favours consulting the people first before the new agreement is submitted to the Senate for ratification. Meanwhile, Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos said that exiled MNLF chairman Nur Misuari can enter the country through a safe conduct pass to campaign on the proposed autonomy for Mindanao.

On the question of Muslim autonomy:

The Comelec moved to enforce strictly the campaign rules in the Nov 19 plebiscite to give the people in the provinces and cities in the proposed autonomous region full freedom to express their opinion for or against the Organic Act for a Muslim Mindanao. Southcom chief Brigadier-general Guillermo Flores warned soldiers in Sulu not to make any move that would provoke a confrontation between the military and the MNLF. The warning was apparently prompted by reports that the MNLF is preparing for another secessionist war.

President Aquino said that she will personally go to Mindanao to inform the people about the benefits of autonomy, changing an earlier stand to inhibit herself from campaigning in the Nov 19 plebiscite. The President was urged by Congress leaders to make a categorical stand in favour of the Organic Act to save the measure from possible rejection in the plebiscite.

On contract workers abroad:

Senator Alberto Romulo has proposed mechanism to members of Congress that will allow Filipino overseas workers to participate in the government's debt-to-equity programme. Under Senate Bill 1003, the workers can double the value of their dollar earnings when these are deposited in overseas branches of the Philippine National Bank (PNB).

Business World has reported that 25 prospective investors from South Korea are arriving to explore the possibility of joint ventures with Philippine manufacturers of electronic parts and components.

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New champ

Filipino challenger Eric Chavez is waved to the neutral corner after sending International Boxing Federation strawweight champion Nico Thomas of Indonesia to the canvas in the fifth round of their title fight in Jakarta Thursday night. Chavez won by a knockout and became the new champion.

Boyoyong: The teaching clowns

LINUS LOPEZ completed his masters degree in business administration at De la Salle Taft. From school, he worked as a medical representative before becoming a real estate agent. A quick bout in career lifestyle took place however, when Linus chanced upon an ad in the classified sections of a newspaper which said: "Auditions going on for actors and actresses."

The thrill of being on stage again motivated Linus to leave selling for a while, instead, he gave in to his personal artistic inclination. Linus used to be very active on stage actor of the Cultural Centre of the Philippines.

The auditions called for Linus to dance in a "kenko" manner to the tune of the funny music played by Henry Atayde (president of Libangang Pilipino, Inc.), to pretend hosting before a group of children and to sing. Little did Linus realize that he was actually auditioning for the part of a "clown."

The ad did not specifically say that they are in need of clowns. But I didn't mind trying out for it. In fact, I was hoping to get the job after the audition. After all, it takes

some special qualities before one can be an effective clown," Linus told us during the interview.

Thus, Linus the efficient salesperson ended up becoming one of the bubbly clowns who consist Boyoyong, today's one of the more in-demand groups in this type of entertainment.

Linus was specifically handpicked by Mrs Atayde, wife of Henry, not to be a clown but to be the production coordinator for their company. "I was quite disappointed when I was given office work instead. I really wanted to be a clown in the first place. But just the same I took the job. Thus, I was playing 'mama-sao' to eight clowns—making sure they stick to their appointments, put their make-up properly, look into their costumes and even check on their 'baon'."

Apparently, Linus seemed to be destined to become a clown, when one time, the man playing the part of Bobo (the smart clown) decided to leave for Saudi Arabia and there was no choice at that instance but to let Linus take his place.

Beauty

From vitamins to fragrances

WHO ever thought that taking beauty vitamins and slimming tablets would click in the Philippines? Certainly not your average Filipino, who might be beauty-conscious, but relies exclusively on make-up to improve her appearance.

Yet Sandre, a Swiss health-for-beauty company, firmly believed that with good products and an effective distributing system, a woman's beauty regimen could be altered or added upon. Cosmetics must be complemented with a range of health and beauty products.

The company thus put up shop in the Philippines practically from scratch a year ago. Sales have since enjoyed a steady growth. Today, Sandre counts 17 branches and service centres sprinkled in different parts of the country and a total of 5,000 sales representatives.

Sandre International President Walter Bucher attributes their success to the formulation of their products—specifically for the Filipino, her lifestyle, dietary habits and nutritional needs. Vitamins like Vita-Regime, Vivante-B, Jeune-ACE, Elastique-E and Fit-En-Forme are said to be quite popular now, what with celebrities also using them. A Sandre official discloses that Hilda Koronel reportedly took Sandre's slimming tablets (i.e. Fit-En-Forme) to help her trim down to her current svelte figure.

To mark its first year, it seemed only fitting that Sandre come up with another item suited for the Filipino. At a thanksgiving luncheon tendered by the company recently, Bucher unveiled their latest product and their first venture in the fragrant world of scents: Frag Eau (pronounced fago-o).

"Frag Eau combines the qualities of the everyday freshness and lightness of ordinary colognes and the high-quality features of original yet mildly formulated world-class scents," Bucher explains. "We believe that a woman deserves so much more than what ordinary baby colognes or teen-age splash-ons can offer."

Frag Eau has seven scents (with different colours, too), each of which has been given a name whose description underlines the different characters of the fragrances. These are:

Sophia (the woman) — Classic. Her music Bach, Shakespeare her poem. Her dress timeless elegant, not trendy. **Sophia** (the fragrance) — Yellow as the sun. Of subtle green woody characters.

Paulette — Too fresh and delicate. She's always summer: dresses in the gauzy cotton, painted in pastels, billowy, with much of her hinted. **Paulette** — Blue as the deep. A very fresh and delicate floral complex supported by musky and mossy notes.

Erika — The livewire, the laughter and warm wit, the proverbial life of the party. The kind of woman who grows on you. Her clothes and hobbies brim with cheer. **Erika** — A lively green floral topnote enriched with citrus herbs, built on musky fond.

Francesca — A highly cosmopolitan and elegant woman, a citizen of the world. She can talk nuclear physics or movie love teams, wear velvet gowns or torn T-shirts with the same stunning style and intelligence.

Francesca — Red like a wine. As elegant complex floral rose, jasmine and ylang-ylang, lifted by green fruity blends. The base fond is mossy, woody and balsamic.

Rebecca — Regal and sophisticated. She blends strength and self-confidence with a strange vulnerability and fragility. **Rebecca** — Green as emeralds. A blend of natural florals, muguet and jasmine. A final and compelling note is musk.

Petrushka — An earthy woman. She is basically an artist. **Petrushka** — In shimmering gold. With top notes of blend mandarin, bergamot and subtle green notes with jasmine, rose and orange blossoms. The middle notes are a blend of coriander, taget and armoise. Amber mingled with oakmoss serve as base.

Claudine — The athletic woman. Gifted with a mind as strong as her body and a deeply sensitive heart. **Claudine** — In the pale purple of lilac. A festival of freshly-cut flowers, citrus fruits and grass. A touch of jasmine perks up the middle note. The bottom note is fresh and green with a gentle powdery note waiting in between.

From the provinces

QUEZON CITY: Mary Fidelis Arambulo issued a warning to the public to be careful in dealing with unauthorized persons allegedly selling housing lots located in Hulo, Mandaluyong, Metro Manila.

She said the lots "legally" belong to her are covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) Nos 4777 and 4778. Fidelis said that person posing as owners of the lots have been victimizing innocent would-be-buyers who found out later that the properties belong to her per court decision dated May 25, 1989.

She requested persons being approached by the "fakeowners" to report to her any transaction regarding these properties near the Flos Carmeli Institute in Fairview Park, Quezon City. She can be contacted at 904037.

MANILA: A suspected robber was killed while a Manila police sergeant was seriously injured during a three-minute gun battle between a group of armed holdup men and Manila policemen near the Islamic Centre in San Miguel, Manila.

Members of the Western Police District (WPD) stormed the Islamic Centre and rounded up 1,000 suspected hoodlums, snatchers, and holdup men and seized many guns and improvised deadly weapons.

In critical condition was Sgt. Rogelio Viray, 40, chief of the north follow-up unit of the WPD theft and robbery section. Killed was Macapagal Ismail Solaiman, 33, alias "Ronnie." He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Singian Hospital. A bystander, Bonifacio Fernin, of Quiapo, was hit by stray bullets.

Solaiman was hit during the gunfight between policemen led by Capt. Wenceslao Ealdama and five suspected holdup men, believed to be members of the Diamond Gang, a group of Quiapo holdup men.

Ealdama, Viray and two other lawmen were following up a restaurant holdup case on Carlos Palanca Sr (formerly Echague) St. when they saw the suspects near a hardware store.

DIPOLOG CITY: Six persons, including a town police chief, were seriously injured when their vehicle hit a landmine in Zamboanga del Sur. A belated police report identified the victims as Capt. Julio Sisula, police chief of Margosatubig town, Zamboanga del Sur, Patrolmen Martin Tiamson, Celso Oliveros and Rufino Flores, and Benedicto Idulidul, a prisoner. It said the victims were on their way to Pagadian City from Margosatubig when their service vehicle hit a landmine in barangay Mati, San Miguel. A civilian in a motorcycle, who was tailing the vehicle, was slightly injured in the mine explosion. He was identified as Santos Polcaridas, 38.

MANILA: Sen. Santanina Rasul sought the enactment of a law that would provide difficulty allowance for government workers serving in remote and inaccessible areas in the country. Rasul, chairman of the Senate committee on civil service and government reorganization, said there is a need for the government to enhance its presence and broaden its services in far-flung areas by encouraging the dispersal of employees to the grassroots through a graduated system of incentives. Under the bill, every employee assigned to a remote area shall be paid with at least P100 as "access allowance" every month.

MANILA: The Sandiganbayan dismissed the contempt charges against two Air Force colonels and a major assigned to take custody of three military soldiers accused in the Aug 21, 1983, assassination of President Aquino's husband for lack of evidence. Cleared of the charges were Col Alfredo Reyes, former commander of the Villamor air base, Col Sergio Austria, and Maj Primo Quinones. Earlier, the Sandigan asked the three PAF officers to explain why they should not be held in contempt for allegedly allowing the five suspects to roam around the Ninoy Aquino International Airport without prior approval from the court. The three soldiers were Sgt. Armulfo de Mesa, CIC Rogelio Moreno, and T/Sgt. Claro Lat. All primary suspects in the murder of Benigno Aquino and his military-tag-

ged assassin, Rolando Galman.

MANILA: Police completed all evidences against the suspects in the killing of Maj Romeo Clavio and transferred them to the Manila City Jail after a month long detention at the Western Police District headquarters. Transferred were Efrén "Boy" Amores, Sgt. Josefin Rasul and Sgt. Jose Reyes. Lt. Generoso Javier, WPD Homicide Section chief, said the three were also tagged suspects in a series of bank robberies, car theft and homicides in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

CEBU CITY: Workers rescued a copper miner yesterday, 12 days after he was trapped by a mudslide in a tunnel 40 meters below the surface.

Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp said Roberto Lingao-Lingao survived by eating his shirt little by little as fellow miners working round-the-clock inched their way through mud and other debris to reach him.

Lingao-Lingao, a former Army trooper with training in jungle survival, got trapped in the tunnel after intermittent heavy rain sent tons of mud cascading down a shaft on July 8, the statement added.

The mine is located in Barangay Lutupan, about 25 kilometers from Cebu City. The ordeal caused Lingao-Lingao "mild disorientation and extreme weakness," the statement said, quoting the miner as saying he spent most of his time underground sleeping to conserve energy.

MANILA: Elements of sea-borne units of the Philippine Coast Guard seized 1,500 sacks of imported white garlic, loaded in a fishing vessel, an unlikely carrier of imported products.

Lt. Frank B. Mendoza said that the white garlic, worth 1.5 million, came from China. "These agricultural products," Mendoza said, "were merely transferred to the Philippine-registered fishing boat, 7/b Victory, off Culion Island in violation of section 3601 of the Tariff and Customs Code."

The fishing boat, which is not allowed to transport imported items, is now in the custody of the Manila Coast Guard station while the master and crew were detained at the Navotas municipal jail while awaiting trial.

TUGUEGARAO, Cagayan: Cagayan Gov. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo ordered the preventive suspension of Tuguegarao Mayor Delfin Ting in connection with the attack on Bulletin correspondent Gabby Visaya by the mayor inside radio station DZTG last Feb 27.

Aguinaldo said the preventive suspension will be for 60 days upon receipt of the suspension order. The governor signed the order at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Ting was not available for comment on the governor's move.

MANILA: A Filipino leader of an international anti-communist movement urged the government to study further the legalisation of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), saying "the country is not yet ready for it."

Dr. Rene Santos, chairman of the Asia-Pacific Anti-Communist Youth League and eldest son of the late Gen. Alego Santos, said the Philippines has not attained yet political maturity and the legalisation of the outlawed CPP may only derail the economic recovery efforts and political stability.

Santos was reacting to the proposal of Rep. Bonifacio Gillego which seeks the legalisation of the communist movement in the country without any preconditions. The proposal was reportedly taken up at a recent closed-door meeting of the Cabinet cluster committee on political and security matters at Malacanang.

MANILA: APC sergeant and a civilian informer were arrested by the Western Police District (WPD) mobile division in connection with a P200,000 robbery in Mandaluyong the other night.

Capt. Rodolfo Rival, chief of the WPD mobile division, identified the two suspects as Sgt. Arthur Marquez, 35, detailed at Camp Crame in Quezon City, and Estanislao del Rosario, 36, an alleged military civilian informer.

The two yielded a 38 caliber revolver and live bullets. They were arrested in a car by Rival's men at a check-point at the corner of Luzon and

Mindoro Sts. in Sampaloc, Manila.

Marquez and Del Rosario were identified by Dominga Ballesteros, 51, and Rosie Casiquia, 24, two housemaids of Domingo Esteban, alleged relative of the complainant. Report said that the suspects ransacked the house and escaped with P200,000 in cash and other valuables. (Vic Vega)

Quezon City: Two cases of estafa and falsification of documents have been filed against the cashier of two Quezon City firms for allegedly defrauding the companies of more than P230,000 over a period of five years.

Charged before the Quezon City prosecutor's office was Mrs Leticia P. Serrano, 36, of 922 Cebu St. Sampaloc, Manila, former cashier of Master Sports Shop (Now Malago Corp.) and Diamond Machinery Co., both located at 4 Kitaniad St., QC.

In a complaint filed last week by Benigno Gopez, president-general manager of the two firms, it was alleged that Mrs Serrano cashier-bookkeeper, padded the payrolls of the companies with amounts ranging from P200 to P2,600.

The discrepancies were discovered only after the resignations of two officials of the corporations and after a thorough audit was conducted, Gopez alleged.

After the audit conducted, it was found that Diamond Corp. was defrauded of P111,883.57 from January, 1984 to August, 1989, he said. Masters Sports P128,963.68 from January, 1984 to May 1989, he also said.

Legaspi City: A New People's Army (NPA) commander operating in the town of Manito, Albay, disclosed recently that Sen. Ernesto Maceda would have been ambushed if the senator's party-travelled by land instead of by helicopter last April 22 during his visit to Pilar, Sorsogon.

This was disclosed by Cecilio Salcedo, alias "commander Ronnie" who surrendered to the military the other week.

Salcedo said that on April 22 before the party of the senator arrived in Legaspi City, he monitored in his VHF radio set the conversation between two groups of NPA rebels operating in Pilar town. The two groups were then taking up positions for the ambush of Maceda's party.

He said that upon learning of the group's plan, he immediately notified Albay Vice Gov. Danilo Azana of the NPA ambush plan and advised him not to travel by land to Pilar but instead travel by helicopter to reach the place.

It was recalled that Vice-Governor Azana was then with the party of Senator Maceda. (Ben Villaluz)

Manila: A party of 60 dealers of the country's largest network of photofinishers is leaving on a 10-day tour of Southeast Asian countries this week.

The group, known as the Agfa-colour Photo-finishers Association of the Philippines (APAP), will visit Bangkok and Pattaya Beach, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore. While there, the group will make courtesy visits at Agfa offices.

Members of the group hope to be able to exchange learnings and insights in the successful operations of Agfa-colour service centers and study the sales performance of Agfa-colour films.

NAGA CITY: The Camarines Sur Land Transportation Council was formed here recently to help the national transportation officials come up with a programme to ease the transportation crisis.

Elected as officers of the local council were Tony Y. Concepcion, president of the Naga City chamber of Commerce and Industry, as chairman; and Alfonso O. Ocampo, Business Update, secretary general. Others officers are Justino de Jesus, BITODA; and Ruben B. CASNAFED, Chairman; Charlie Tan, Tourist Bus Operators group, treasurer; Jose Sevilla III, auditor; Arthur Israel, of Radio ng Bayan, PRO.

Elected directors were Epifanio Salvosa, CARO-HELLA; Roberto Bonnevie, BIBOA; Orlando Tan, ACCTO; Rudy Murillo, PHILTRANCO; Firmo Clemente, Transport Association of Pasacao; Virgilio Meliton, Gas Dealer Association; and Ursimino Jao, spare parts dealers.

Regal Films launches new stars



Aiko Melendez

SINCE the advent of the 80s, Regal Films has been launching new faces to stardom, most of them staying on to become the industry's biggest and most bankable stars.

In the next few weeks, the movie-going public will witness the launching of two young stars who have practically grown up under the klieg lights and can therefore be rightly dubbed as Children of Cinema.

They are Kristina Paner, recently turned 18, and Aiko Melendez, 13.

Kristina is elevated to solo stardom in Regal's "Tamis ng Unang Halik," directed by Temyong Marquez, where she's paired with perennial love teammate Cris Villanueva. In the story, Kristina plays an ugly duckling who goes around with a dilapidated fan whose magical power turns her into a swan. Also starring in this musical-romance-drama are Joey Marquez, Pops Fernandez and Roderick Paulate as Kristina's Fairy Godmother.

Aiko will star as Juliet in still another modern remake of William Shakespeare's classic, "Romeo and Juliet." The movie is actually entitled "Romeo

Loves Juliet," with Keempee de Leon playing Romeo. Also in the cast are Rene Requiestas, Ai-Ai delas Alas, Gigi Posadas and Panchito, with Tony Reyes directing (Reyes is the director of all Joey de Leon and Rene Requiestas hits).

Kristina has long made a name for herself as a singer, starting with "Sana," the debut hit she did when she was only 8 years old. She has also proven her acting mettle both in TV and in drama flicks. Once, she hosted a seven-part series for Channel 7's top-rated "Mother Studio Presents." In "Tamis ng Unang Halik," a title inspired by her hit single (on WEA Records), Kristina will have her first kiss, a considerable event calculated to send chills up her fans' spines.

Aiko, only a baby when her father Jimi Melendez was touted as the next matinee idol (a promise he hardly lived up to), is turning into a sensitive actress despite her young years. With her build (too big into her age), she can do both youngsters and adult roles with ease. She's being watched as the new Hilda Koronel.



Kristina Paner

PMPC Star Awards for TV nominees

THE Philippine Movie Press Club has announced this year's nominees for various categories in the Star Awards for Television, now on its third year. The PMPC has also named this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award: Eddie Ibarde of Student Canteen and Kahapon Lamang fame. Ibarde, along with other winners, will be honoured at the awards night set for Oct 26 at the Manila Film Centre. The affair will be covered live by Ch. 13, 8 to 11 pm.

The nominees are:

Best Comedy Series — John en Marsha, Family 3+1, Still Goin' Bananas, Okay Ka Fairy Ko, Sic O'Clock News, Palibhasa Lalake, Chika Chika Chicks.

Best Actor in a Comedy Series — Dolphy (John en Marsha), Joey Marquez (Palibhasa), Jay Ilagan (Bananas), Vic Sotto (Okay Ka), Sammy Lagmay (Chika), Herbert Bautista (Isaw Palawan).

Best Actress in a Comedy Series — Nida Blanca (John en Marsha), Gloria Romero (Palibhasa), Cynthia Patag (Palibhasa), Cynthia Sanchez (Family 3+1), Nova Villa (Chika), Ai-Ai delas Alas (13, 14, 15).

Best Drama Anthology — Lovingly Yours Helen, Coney Reyes on Camera, Maricel Drama Special, Balintataw, Correctional, Seiko TV Presents.

Best Drama Serial — Agila, Gulang ng Palad, Kadenang Rocio.

Best Drama Actor — Val Sotto, Dante Rivero, Ronald

Corveau.

Best Drama Actress — Aurora Sevilla, Coney Reyes, Maricel Soriano, Laarni Enriquez, Caridad Sanchez, Janice de Belen.

Best Musical Variety Show — Superstar, Vilma, The Sharon Cuneta Show, Loveliness, Tonight with Dick & Carmi.

Best Variety Show — Eat Bulaga, GMA Supershow, Lunch Date, That's Entertainment.

Best Male Musical Variety Show Host — German Moreno, Randy Santiago, Bert Marcelo, Roderick Paulate.

Best Female Musical Variety Show Host — Nora Aunon, Vilma Santos, Sharon Cuneta, Coney Reyes, Alma Moreno, Tina Revilla.

Best New TV Personality — Aiko Melendez, Amy Godinez, Mahal, Ai-Ai de las Alas, Jon Santos, Pinky Recto.

Best Programme — TV Patrol, GMA Headline News, GMA Balita, The World Tonight, Unang Ulat.

Best Male Newscaster — Angelo Castro Jr, Noli de Castro, Frankie Evangelista, Jose Mari Velez, Bobby Guanzon, Teesay Kintanar.

Best Female Newscaster — Tina Monzon Palma, Helen Vela, Loren Legarda, Mel Tiamson, Amy Godinez, Lex Andres.

Best Magazine Show — Probe, PEP Talk, Travel Time, Pinoy Tok, Apple Pie, Patis, Pateatbp, Magandang Umaga PO, Magandang, Manila, Manila.

Best Magazine Show Host — Loren Legarda, Susan Calo Medina, Che Che Lazaro, Joey de Leon, Noli de Castro, Korina Sanchez.

Best Talent Programme and Host — Ang Bagong Kampeon '89 (Pepe Pimentel and Pinky Marquez), Tanghalang ng Kampeon (Pilita Corrales and Bert Marcelo).

Best Game Show and Host — Family Kuarta o Kahon (Pepe Pimentel), Pabucnas sa Sieta (Pilita Corrales and Fe de Los Reyes).

Best Musical Programme and Host — Ryan Ryan Musikahan (Ryan Cayabyab), Concert at the Park (Tina Monzon Palma), Pao Pao Presents (Josephine Rocas).

Best Public Service Programme and Host — Damayan (Rosa Rosal), Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko (Cielito del Mundo), Bahay Kalinaga (Vicky Garciadoren and Frankie Evangelista), Panangutanan (Ben Canlas and Yna Perredo).

Best Musical Special — Ang Bayan ni Juan, For the Record, Isa Munang Patalastas, Ang Hiraga ng Pasko, Sa Piling ni Nanay, Silvergrams.

Best Children Show and Host — Ora Engkantada (Luz Fernandez), Pen Pen de Sarapen (Connie Angeles), Batibot (Bodjie Pascua).

Best Showbiz Programme and Host — Eye to Eye (Inday Badiday), Starbrighters (Boy de Guis), Movie Magazine (Cristy Femim).



Cebu charmer Vina Morales has captivated the hearts of moviegoers with her credible performance both as a comic and dramatic actress. She goes back to comedy in Woolly Booly (Ang Classmate Kong Alin), which stars Jimmy Santos as an alien from Mars.

Best Celebrity Talk Show and Host — Martin After Dark (Martin Nievera), Not So Late Night with Edu (Edu Manzano), Oh No It's Johnny (Johnny Litton).

Best Public Affairs Programme and Host — Public Forum (Randy David), Straight from the Shoulder (Louie Beltran), Tell the People (Julie Daza), Issues and Answers (Art

Borjal), Viewpoint (Ric Puno).

Best Educational Programme and Host — Ating Alam (Gerry Geronimo), Telealaran ng Kakayahang (Cecilia Garrucho), Beauty School on the Air (Ricky Reyes), For Art's Sake (Susan Africa).

Star Awards for TV '89 is produced by Airtime Inc. with Al Quinn as director and Jake Tordecillas as scriptwriter.

EVENTS



Nritha Sree

NRITHA Sree, an Indian dance group based in Ahmadi, on Friday held a dance recital at the Indian Arts Circle in Funatees. The group, run by Sreekala, presented a number of classical numbers. Sreekala, who studied dance under well-known Kerala masters like Bhalgungan Bhagavathar, Gopalakrishnan and N.V. Krishnan, made her debut in 1965. Later she took part in inter-collegiate shows and dance competitions, and won several awards. In Kuwait, she teaches the theory and practice of dance to children aged six to 12.



Nritha Sree students performing a classical dance. (Photo by Ahmed Burini)

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING

9.30 The opening and Holy Quran
9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
9.50 Around the world: cartoon serial
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Shay Ismo Hob: Arabic serial (Part 2)
11.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
11.30 That's Incredible: variety programme
12.30 News summary
12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

EVENING

4.00 The opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Satellite
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: cartoon serial
5.15 Cartoons
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial (Part 2)
7.00 Variety
7.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabat: local serial
8.00 Hwar Alami: Cultural programme (Part 1), prepared and presented by Yousif Yaqoub Al Sultan
8.30 Good evening and local news
9.00 Arabic News
9.45 Ahlan Ya Jaddo Al Aziz: Arabic serial (Part 2)

10.30 Rai Al Seet: Bedouin serial (Part 1), starring Abeer Issa, Roubi Al Safadi, Amal Al Dabab
11.45 News summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 The New Three Stooges. A cartoon series for children
6.30 The Munsters Today. "Green Eyed Monster."
7.00 Mutual of Omaha. "Head Hunters Legacy."
8.00 News in English
8.30 Bergerac. "A Message for the Rich."
9.30 Life and Death. A look at hurricanes, which strike many areas throughout the world ... Disasters and destruction caused as well as material and human losses are sustained.
10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show. Divorced.
10.30 Bestseller. "Dada is Death." A son of an Australian family called "Kevin" is misled by "Jeff" who convinces him to go to Malaysia where both are arrested for trafficking drugs ...
12.00 News in brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

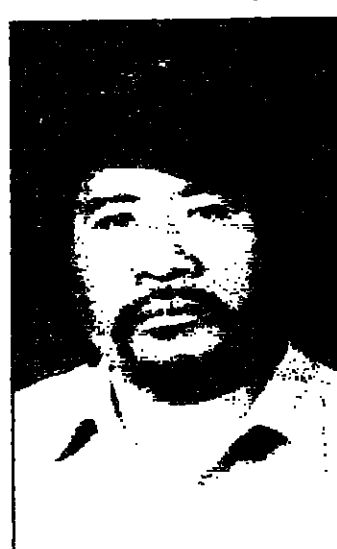
CINEMA

Al Andalus
Nuts
Salmiya
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Black Fire
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Mela
Fahabed Open
Johnny, I Love You
Fahabed
Arabic film
Al Jahra
Dil Tujhko Diya
Granada
Arabic film
Sulabikhat
Les Fugitifs
Jeeb
Shiva
Ahmadi Drive-In
Young Guns

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.22 am
Zuhr	11.38
Asr	3.02 pm
Maghreb	5.34
Isha	6.51

Happy birthday



Freddie Cabatic celebrates his 47th birthday this Thursday. Freddie is a driver whose hobby is reading Arab Times. Happy birthday from darling Linah, family, relatives, Fred, Connie, Tony, Liza, Ray, Agnes, Jun, Danny and Perla.



FLASSIK officers with Labour attaché Bert Marin and Welfare Officer Andy Santos of the Philippine Embassy.

OWWA and FLASSIK help Filipino workers

THE Office of the Welfare Officer of the Overseas Workers (OWWA) Welfare Administration based at the Philippine embassy in Al Rawdah, Kuwait, announced that an information drive is underway to open channels of communication with Filipino contract workers in Kuwait and inform them of the various programmes and services offered to the New Filipino heroes (Bagong Bayani) — the overseas contract workers. Initially, OWWA will co-ordinate its activities with the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (FLASSIK) by utilising its Welfare Referral Committee and Hospital Referral programme whose representatives are based in various governorates in Kuwait.

Overseas contract workers remitted \$856 million to the Philippines last year becoming one of the leading foreign exchange earners for the Philippines which badly needs a boost in its foreign exchange reserves. Thus the Philippine government endeavours to take care of its Filipino workers abroad.

FLASSIK President Grace Fe N. Covarrubias met with Welfare Officer Andy Santos and Labour Attaché Bert Marin to co-ordinate activities regarding the information drive.

The following are the services offered by OWWA to the contract workers:

PRE-DEPARTURE LOAN: is a financial assistance provided to newly-hired workers with valid employment contract and confirmed departure schedule. This is intended to defray documentation expenses prior to departure as well as to afford workers' families at home with money to tide them

over until the initial workers' salaries are remitted. Under this programme, qualified applicants can avail of a loan ranging from P 2,500 to P 5,000.00 depending on the OCW's monthly salary.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION SEMINAR OF OWWA: is intended to provide information on OWWA's operations, programmes, benefits and services to all departing overseas contract workers (OCW's) hired by POEA, licensed recruiting and manning agencies, service contractors and construction contractors.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE: is a special type of assistance given by OWWA to partially or totally disabled OCW's who meet with accidents or injuries in the jobsites. This programme is geared towards making disabled OCW's fit to rejoin the mainstream of productivity and society by providing prosthetic and orthotic devices appropriate to the nature of disability; continuous medical aid for the rehabilitation of the OCW; and in special cases monetary grant to defray cost of medication of disabled OCW's.

BURIAL GRATUITY PROGRAMME OF OWWA: extends P5,000.00 monetary assistance to all legal heirs of deceased land-based and sea-based OCW's, including seamen who are missing or presumed dead, for burial and other related expenses. On top of the P 5,000.00 a memorial service plan for overseas contract workers who die during employment or 6 months after their return from worksites is implemented to assist families of deceased workers in their usual problems of funeral and burial arrangements.

Kuwait
Istiklal Pharmacy, Safat
Square
Al Omar Pharmacy,
Mubarak Al-Kabeer Street
Hawalli and Nagra
Al-Qatani Pharmacy, Beirut

Street
ASalmiya
Al-Samah Pharmacy, Salem
Al-Mubarak Street
Al-Fahabed
Burgan Pharmacy, Souk Al-
Sabah (Al-Sabah Market)

Al-Farwaniya
Al-Hawallah Pharmacy,
Civic Street
Al-Jahra
Al-Zahra Pharmacy, Al-
Souk Al-Jadid (New Market)

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Watercolour Painting
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills, 8 week courses for Beginners and Advanced for details tel: 5618847.

Pottery and Crafts
Develop your child's creativity in pottery & crafts (8-12 yrs old). Also watercolour painting and jewellery making for adults. For details Tel: 5618847, 5317354, 9 am - 12 noon & 4 - 6.30 pm.

SOCIAL
Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite

at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884/243476/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

Cultural Association

AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

Breeze 88
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival.

Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Vienna Boys Choir
The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing again at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 4 with a new repertoire. Tickets are available at the reception. KD8.000 for adults and KD5.000 for children under 12 years. Tel: 2530000/2533000.

Moods & Melody
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Bengali Musical Dance Drama.

Nakshi Kanthar Maath (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jasminuddin will be staged at the Star Light Theatre, Doha Entertainment City on Nov 2 and 3 by Mouchak.

For details please contact Tel: 4744490, 4893424, 4315759, 3713923, 5625456, 4742656.

Kuwait Welsh Society

A social evening will be held on Thursday 5th October, 1989, at 8 pm. A Buffet Supper will be served. For details ring 3912384/3721383/5625316.

Konkani drama

Nov 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funatees). Cast includes the Charlie Chapin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. Tickets now available. Contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Clock (near GPO).

LIL newcomers coffee

Ladies International League (LIL) newcomers coffee: Interested in joining an international womens group? Come to newcomers coffee on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am. Call Mrs Neera at 3914503 or 3916939, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm for details.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Magic show

NOV 9, 10: Expatriates Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on

Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Kuwait Kannada Koota

NOV 3: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact tel. nos. 5621922/5650264/5745483/3714089.

Fiesta Tea fra

OCT 20: A red letter day for stage play Affectionados, The Filipino Cultural Club (FCC), under the chairmanship of Buddy Patungan, proudly represents another unique innovation of theirs, this time, directed by Joey Laurente, the energetic "brains" behind the intricate interesting life of its central character, Austrian composer, Wolfgang "Amadeus" Mozart. This two hour stage play will hold the same vibrant, all spirited team of the legendary "Fiesta Filipina '89".

Featuring Tolits Matig-A, in his most dramatic role ever, see him play the magnificent figure of "Salieri". At the Al Jahra Ballroom of Le Meridien Hotel, watch the director/choreographer of "Fiesta '89" turn actor himself in "The saga of Amadeus" plus a whole cast of lovely and dashing characters that FCC has in store for you.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper

prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Bookkeeping and accounting

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their self-improvement courses or the free classes for Bookkeeping and Accounting on Friday, October 20 at Far East Restaurant from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. These courses will cover for four Fridays and a certificate of attendance will be awarded to all successful students.

BOOKKEEPING will cover the single and double entries. Terms and cycle.

ACCOUNTING will cover the concepts, financial ratios, accounting in banking, trading, manufacturing, hotel business and others. Taxation in accounting will be explained in details plus the correct preparation of Income Tax for individuals.

Negotiable instruments will also be included to familiarize all the participants regarding the importance of the documents and the transactions for accounting.

Registration starts today and interested participants can contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice President for Social and Cultural Affairs on 4843447. First come basis only.

Canadian Women's League

THE first meeting of the season will be held on Saturday, Oct 7, 4 to 7 pm. Maps available from the Canadian embassy, or contact Tel: 3718678. New members welcome.

ACT

ACT welcomes all people who would like to be involved in this season's theatrical activities to a general meeting on Oct. 4th from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

The upcoming season will be discussed and committees will be formed. It will be a chance to see old friends and to make new ones. For more details, call 562-0332 from 6 - 10 pm.

Indian Arts Circle

AS a part of Nehru birth centenary celebration, Indian Arts Circle is pleased to announce that a week long children's competition will be arranged at the IAC Auditorium from 21st to 27th October, 1989. This competition is open for all school going Indian children.

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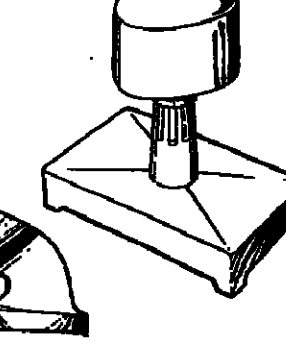
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Canadian inquiry praises 'Eddie the Eagle'

TORONTO, Sept. 30, (Reuters): Canada should learn to appreciate the value of athletes like Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards rather than continue to stress winning medals, a federal inquiry into use of drugs in sport heard yesterday.

Terrance O'Sullivan, lawyer for discuss thrower Rob Gray, told the inquiry in his closing submission that Canadian officials had lost sight of the goals of national sports policy by

focusing mainly on elite competitors. Edwards, the eccentric British ski-jumper who finished a distant last in his events at the 1988 Calgary winter Olympics, won the hearts of the public even though the athletic establishment reviled him, O'Sullivan said.

"The enthusiasm with which the public greeted 'Eddie the Eagle' demonstrates to

me how out of touch many of our athletic officials are with the expectations of the country at large," he told the inquiry.

Because Canadian criteria for national team selection and funding of amateur athletes were based largely on international standards, someone like "Eddie the Eagle" could never have competed for Canada, O'Sullivan said. He said the best Canadian performers in each

event should have the chance to compete in the Olympics even if they were equivalent to "the Guatemalan downhill skiers of the track and field world."

Gary was one of the witnesses to testify at the inquiry prompted by the disqualification of Ben Johnson when he tested positive for steroids after winning the gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics.

Britain to mark 100th anniversary

LONDON, Sept. 30, (AP): An international baseball tournament will be held next spring to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the sport in Britain, with the first tour of North America by Britain's national team to follow, organisers said yesterday.

Teams from the United States, Canada, Britain, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain are expected to take part in the event, scheduled for early May in Hull in north-east England, the British Baseball Federation said.

Organisers said three teams from the Western International League, a US semi-pro league, would take part in the tournament and tour Britain giving clinics and playing exhibition games against local clubs.

"Teams are now asking us if they can compete in the tournament, which has never happened before now," said Donald Smallwood, president of the federation. "We are now the first European country to complete 100 years of baseball and we hope every club in the country from the juniors up to the seniors will get involved in the celebrations."

The British national team then will travel to Seattle to start a tour of Pacific Northwest cities, organisers said.

Smallwood said he hoped the US Tour would improve Britain's chances in the 1992 Olympics, when baseball will be played as a medal sport for the first time.

"I think if you look at swimming in particular, most of the training is done in American, where they have the better training facilities," Smallwood said. "Where better for us to go for our Olympic training than the home of baseball?"

Blue Jays clinch tie for AL East crown

Red Sox edge Brewers

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP): The Toronto Blue Jays clinched a tie for the American League East championship last night when Lloyd Moseby singled home the winning run with two out in the 11th inning, beating Baltimore 2-1 and dropping the second-place Orioles two games out with two remaining.

The Blue Jays, who scored the tying run in the eighth inning on reliever Gregg Olson's wild pitch, can win their second division title in five seasons with a victory either this evening or tomorrow. The Orioles must win both to force a one-game playoff Monday in Baltimore.

Moseby's drive off the left-field fence came after a controversial international walk and ended a night of missed opportunities for both teams. But Toronto, which collapsed late in the 1987 season, finally won it against Mark Williamson, 10-4.

Manny Lee singled with one out in the 11th and Nelson Lirio ran for him. Lirio took second on Ernie Whit's grounder to third and the Orioles intentionally walked rookie Junior Felix to face the veteran Moseby, who spoiled the strategy.

Tom Henke, 8-3, the fourth Toronto pitcher, went two innings for the victory.

Red Sox 5, Brewers 4

Boston clinched a tie for third place in the AL East when reliever Chuck Crim walked Rick Cerone with the bases

loaded and two out in the bottom of the ninth inning.

With an 82-78 record, Boston moved two games ahead of Milwaukee with two games left. The Red Sox have won 12 of their last 14 games.

The Brewers tied the game 4-4 against Boston relief ace Lee Smith in the top of the ninth on a sacrifice fly by B.J. Surhoff. Smith became the winner after blowing the save opportunity.

Yankees 5, Tigers 1

Mel Hall hit two solo homers and two singles and Eric Plunk pitched a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts over eight innings. Plunk came within three outs of his first complete game in 33 Major-League starts but walked Fred Lynn to start the ninth and was relieved by Dave Righetti. Detroit's run was unearned.

Hall led off the second and fourth innings with home runs

off Jack Morris, giving him 17 for the season. He singled a run home in the fifth inning and singled again in the seventh.

Giants 7, Padres 2

Batting leader Will Clark of San Francisco increased his margin over defending champion Tony Gwynn of San Diego to three points, and Ernest Riles and Candy Maldonado had three RBIs each for the Giants.

Clark, who had a single in the first inning and a double in the ninth, went 2-for-4 to gain a point and finish the game at .334. He is trying to become the first player to lead the NL in batting since Willie Mays did it in 1954 by hitting .345.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 5

Milt Thompson doubled home Tom Brunansky with two outs in the eighth as St. Louis made up a four-run deficit over the last five innings to beat Chicago.

Results

American League			
Toronto	2	Baltimore	1
New York	2	Detroit	1
Boston	4	Milwaukee	4
Chicago	2	Cleveland	1
Texas	3	California	0
Minnesota	10	Seattle	7
Oakland	4	Kansas City	3
National League			
1-New York	6	Pittsburgh	2
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Cincinnati	4	Houston	0
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Moseby: singled home the winning run



Jeannie Longo (right): broke two world records in five days

Longo hopes to set 45km world record

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 30, (AP): French cyclist Jeannie Longo, who has broken two world records in the past five days, said she hopes to set another record tomorrow and break the 45-kilometre (28-mile) barrier for a one-hour ride.

"I haven't been able to do what I wanted to do so far because of the wet weather," Longo said yesterday.

She is the holder of the current women's hour record of 44.9 kilometres (27.9) miles.

She said the Mexico City velodrome had been well prepared and that conditions were good last Monday when she set a world's record for 3 kilometres (1.8 miles) at 3:41.640, more than eight seconds better than American Rebecca Twigg's 3:48.674.

On Wednesday, Longo broke her own record for 5 kilometres (3.1 miles), by only a 67 hundredths of a second, much less than she had hoped.

"I was very disappointed," said Longo, who spoke in French through a translator. The new record is 6:14.135, compared to her old record of 6:14.813.

She said she did not feel her bicycle had made good contact with the track because of wet conditions. She said the week's rain had also prevented her from training as much as she wanted.

Longo, like other cyclists, came to Mexico City because it has an Olympic-quality velodrome and the thin air at 7,400 feet (2,250 meters) cuts down wind resistance. The disadvantages are the lower amount of oxygen and a higher chance of dehydration in the dry mountain air.

Longo holds 10 world records, many of them set at another high altitude track in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Asked about an apparent tantrum she threw after Wednesday's race, Longo said she did not feel she had been rude to journalists. She refused interviews Wednesday saying she was disappointed by her performance.

"I'm not a Hollywood star. I'm just trying to break a cycling record," she said.

Jaworski to replace Deberg

NEW YORK, Sept. 30, (AP): Ron Jaworski is still trying to show them, and Doug Flutie just wants to get started.

They are two of several quarterbacks being thrown into the breach for tomorrow's NFL games by teams forced to make changes because of injury or ineptness.

The 38-year-old Jaworski will be making his first start for the Kansas City Chiefs against Cincinnati, replacing Steve Deberg, who has thrown but two touchdown passes and eight interceptions in three games.

It will be Jaworski's first NFL start in three years, when he was the quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles. The 15-year veteran joined the Chiefs this year as an unprotected free agent and outplayed Deberg, last year's starter, in training camp.

"I may be 38," Jaworski said. "But right now, I feel 16."

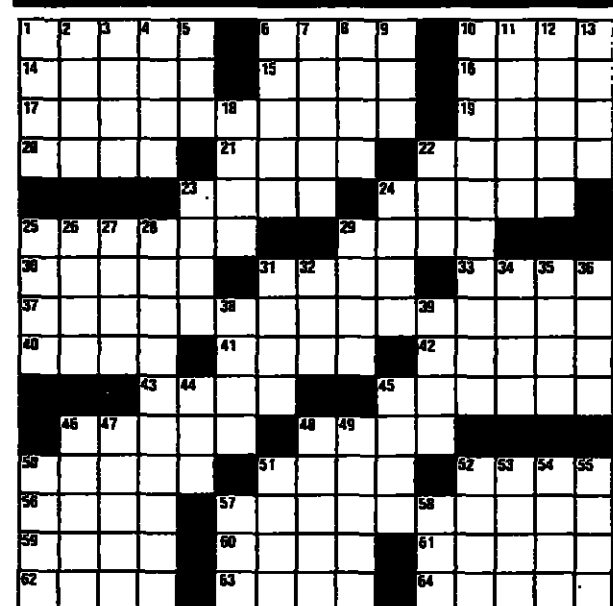
Flutie, meanwhile, will replace Tony Eason in New England's game at Buffalo. The former Boston college star has had a career of stops and starts, first playing with Chicago before coming over to New England. Last season, Flutie had a 6-3 record in nine starts with the Patriots.

Elsewhere, injuries have forced quarterback changes with two other teams and could effect another as well.

Jack Trudeau will start for the Indianapolis Colts against the New York Jets, replacing Chris Chandler, and Hugh Miller will spell the injured Chris Miller in Atlanta's game with Green Bay. In addition there's some question that Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason will play against Kansas City. Esiason sprained an ankle in Monday night's 21-14 victory over Cleveland and a team spokesman said the ankle was still stiff at mid-week.

In other Sunday games, it is Denver at Cleveland, Miami at Houston, Washington at New Orleans, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Tampa Bay at Minnesota, San Diego at Phoenix, Seattle at the Los Angeles Raiders, the New York Giants at Dallas and the Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
OBVIOUS AND RIGHT AREN'T SYNONYMOUS

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 4
♥ 9
♦ J 8 7 5 3
♣ K 10 6

WEST
♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 9
♣ J 9 5 4

EAST
♠ K 10 9 6
♥ 10 6 5 4
♦ 2
♣ A Q 8 2

SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ A K Q 10 6 4
♣ 7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♥
2 ♥ 4 ♥ 5 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

You get no prize for spotting the obvious lines of play. To be a winner, you must dig for extra chances. North's cue-bid of the enemy suit as a passed hand showed a holding that revealed to a near opening bid in support of partner's diamonds. East's leap to four hearts was a two-way action—if allowed to play there, it might prove a makable contract; and if the enemy pressed on, they could be overboard.

When dummy appeared, it

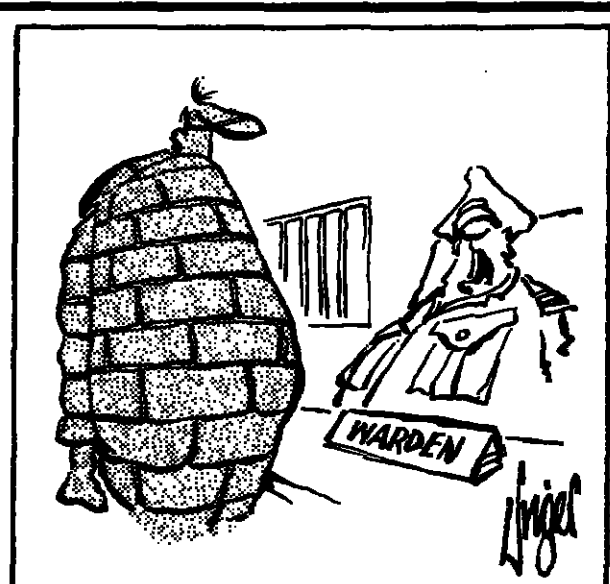
seemed at first sight that the contract hinged on finding either the king of spades or ace of clubs with West, not unreasonable in view of the overall. So declarer took the ace of hearts, drew trumps in one round and finessed the queen of spades. That lost to East's king, and a heart was returned.

Declarer ruffed, came to hand with a trump and tried a club to the king. That also lost and, since declarer still had to concede another club trick, the contract was defeated.

Declarer could rightfully claim to be a bit unlucky. But a line of play was available which would have guaranteed the contract regardless of the lie of the cards.

The winning way is to take the ace of hearts, ruff a heart in dummy, come to hand with a trump and ruff the last heart. That completes the groundwork. Now return to hand with a trump and lead a club. If West plays low, insert the table's ten; if West produces an honor, cover with the king.

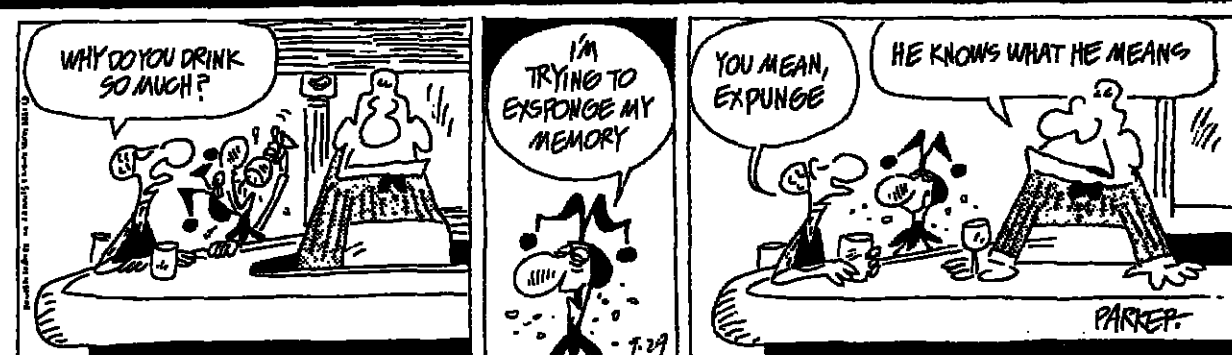
East can win, but is ended. A heart return surrenders the contract via a ruff-suff; a spade is into dummy's major tenace; and a club sets up a club trick on the board, allowing declarer to ruff in the ace of spades and discard his remaining spade on the good club. Simple!



"What am I gonna do about you, Phillips?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel more at ease and confident. An interesting experience will be of benefit to you. You should not take too much for granted. Be reasonable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Do not let others take the initiative from you. Avoid revealing something told to you in confidence. Do not expect to have everything your own way. Be objective.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. And you will also be better able to make the right choice. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 32. Show a little more respect for your elders. Be joyful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should not leave a letter unanswered and now is a good time to do so. Play your part in keeping love alive. Try a little harder to understand what motivates others. Be sincere.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should be more prepared to face facts. A small dispute will quickly be settled and you will clear the air between you and your partner. You will be able to do something more positive. Be hopeful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Something you have learnt will now prove to be somewhat easier provided you do not expect to learn without effort. The situation will be more in your favour. Make sure you get enough regular exercise. Be polite.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to draw the right conclusions from an unusual experience. If you try to rush things, you will only succeed in doing them badly. Avoid being too selfish, think of others too. Be more restrained.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will feel more in harmony with your partner than you have done of late. You will be more persuasive but should not think you will get your way in all things. Take a little better care of your health. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to spend a pleasant day but you will have to make just a few concessions. Try to avoid making matters more complicated for yourself. Be conciliatory.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Others will be more sympathetic towards you. You will do something with which you are really pleased with yourself about. A decision you make now will affect your long-term future. Be consistent.

SPORTS

Peru women beat Brazil for volleyball gold

CURITIBA, Brazil, Sept. 30, (AP) — Peru's women's team easily beat Brazil to win the gold medal at the South American Volleyball Championships yesterday and Argentina's men's team remained undefeated to set up a showdown for the title with Brazil this evening.

Peru and Brazil both entered the game with perfect 4-0 records and the match was supposed to be close.

But Peru clearly was the better team, winning three successive games, 15-4, 15-10 and 15-9, to take its fourth straight South American Championship.

Time and again Peru's players blasted spikes past Brazil's front line, easily finding cracks in Brazil's defence.

Peru played excellent defence as well, frequently blocking shots by Brazil's players back into their faces.

Peru did not lose a single game in posting its perfect tournament record and only allowed opponents a total of 58 points in 15 games.

Brazil finished second in women's play and will join Peru in representing the continent at volleyball's World Cup, scheduled for November in Tokyo.

The top two teams in men's and women's play win automatic spots in the tournament.

Argentina's men improved their record to 5-0 with an easy win over Colombia, 15-7, and 15-7 and 15-0 and also clinched a spot in the World Cup.

Argentina played perfectly and only needed 47 minutes to crush the outmatched Colombian team.

Brazil, which had the night off, is also 5-0 and will meet Argentina this evening.

Van Basten wants to play in vital tie

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 30, (Reuters) — Injured Dutch striker Marco van Basten says he is determined to be fit for AC Milan's second round European Cup tie against Real Madrid next month.

The European Footballer of the Year, who had a cartilage operation on Sept. 1, said in an interview published today in the daily Gazzetta dello Sport that the Oct. 18 first leg clash in Milan was too important to miss.

"Of course I'll make it... we've got to knock them out and I want to be there. I'll double all my efforts to be ready in time. I hope to start playing again, at least part of a match, next week," Van Basten said.

AC Milan beat Real 5-0 in the second leg of last season's semifinals and went on to win the Cup. But manager Arrigo Sacchi said yesterday that injuries would be a major problem for Milan this time.

Van Basten's Dutch teammate Ruud Gullit, plagued with a nagging knee injury, is certain to miss the second round tie and injured winger Roberto Donadoni and forward Danielle Massaro are also expected to miss at least the first leg.

Milan president Silvio Berlusconi criticised the organisation of the draw.

"This formula is absurd. Something must be done because it's not right that either Milan or Real Madrid should make such an early exit from the Cup. It's not in the interest of European soccer as a whole," Berlusconi said.

Bhutto memorial cricket tourney

THE newly instituted Bhutto Memorial Cricket Trophy, sponsored by the Pakistan Peoples Club, will be played at the T.P.T. grounds under the auspices of Golf Cricket League (G.C.L.), according to Yousaf Chaudhry, chairman of Pakistan Peoples Sports Committee.

Preparations are under way to make it one of the biggest events in Kuwait cricket calendar. Only eight teams from Kifco, Evergreen, Hubara, Lanka Colts, Falcon, Rangers, CCK, MCC, Quaid-e-Millat, Social and Flying Arrows will be selected to participate in this knockout tournament. Managers, captains or secretaries of these cricket clubs are advised to contact Sajid Raza on telephone No. 3928493 at the earliest.

Evernden routs Chang

Rostagno defaults quarterfinal match



Rostagno: went out in controversial fashion

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30, (Reuters) — Kelly Evernden of New Zealand played like a dream as he upset second-seeded American Michael Chang yesterday to reach the semifinals of the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tournament.

Evernden overwhelmed Chang, the defending champion and French Open winner, 6-0, 6-1, winning the first 11 games of the quarterfinal match.

"Today was just one of those great days," said Evernden, who described his usual playing style as "reckless."

"I had a dream day," Evernden said. "I was hitting the ball brilliant."

Earlier, American Derrick Rostagno was eliminated in controversial fashion when he defaulted his quarterfinal at 6-2, 3-2 to Sweden's Anders Jarryd after officials ruled that strings he had cut on his racket were illegal.

Rostagno had cut them to ease the stress on his sore arm.

Evernden served aggressively, pounded backhands down the line and scarcely made an error in a 70-minute upset victory.

The New Zealander scored 37 points with winners and frequently opened up the court to overpower Chang.

Evernden stepped out of his near-perfect groove for just one game — when he dropped serve at 5-0 in the second set.

Asked his pre-match preparation, Evernden said: "I've been having a shot of tequila and a beer every night with dinner so I better continue it."

For Evernden, however, the stunning upset was easily put into perspective.

Run over by a car in Auckland at 17, Evernden was pronounced dead on arrival. After a miraculous recovery he was told he would never play tennis again.

"Even if I never win another match, I'm a success because I came back from that," he said.

Chang said he was helpless against Evernden. "You just have to take your hat off to him and move on," Chang said. "I didn't play bad. It's just one of those days."

Chang, 17, said he was anxious to win at least one game and not suffer what he called a "double-bagel," referring to a zero-shaped form of bread.

"It was very important for me," said Chang of his narrow escape from a 6-0, 6-0 defeat.

The day also began with a surprise when Rostagno defaulted against Jarryd.

Al Sara beat Far East

By Sonny Mariano

AL SARA DESIGN kept their championship hopes alive when they swept Far East Restaurant, the leaders in the women's division of the ongoing PBAK Inter-Commercial Bowling League.

Al Sara after their 3-0 victory over Far East are now in second place well within striking distance of Far East, who still managed to hang on to their lead despite playing with only four players on Friday. Al Sara got 52 points for their effort while Far East had 49.

In the other women's division match, Trico bounced back into contention by beating Casara 2 games to 1 and also won in points as they accumulated 50 against 49 by Casara.

The High Game came from Nitz Alinae while Cecil Contreras with her 3 game total of 560 took the High Series honours.

In the men's division, the match between League leaders National and NTC was the main attraction of the week. It was a close and exciting match but NTC's perfect combination of Filipino and Thai bowlers upended their all Arab opponents 2-1 in games won and emerged also

ahead in points earned, 54 to National's 52. Despite their setback National kept the top position but NTC is now breathing on their nose.

Other results of the games played are as follows: (Read points/remainder) Thursday: Tectron 52/42, Trico 50/15; Casara 57/12, Hempel 55/26; Phil Supreme 56/11, Al Rashid 46/11.

Friday: Phil Supreme 57/19, Hempel 54/13; Magnolia 53/46, Penguins 50/13; Jokers 55/2, Pullman 50/6.

The High Game 264 and High Series 616 was submitted by Ahmed Saleh. The top three finishers in the men's division will be given trophies donated by Mahubay Beauty Salon for men and women while the top two in the women's division will get trophies from Hatid Ligaya Abughosh door to door service.

After last week's Class A tourney, sponsored by Bobby Madayag of Bobby's Gift Shop in co-operation with Anak Restaurant, all Class B bowlers who intend to join the Third Masters Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Adnan Khalil of Far East Restaurant, must play a 12 game series and must submit an average of 170 and above to be able to qualify for the tourney.

Interested bowlers can play their qualifying games on Monday and Wednesday at the 300 Club at 6:00 pm.

Please consult the list and classification of bowlers posted at the 300 club for your individual classifications.

Meanwhile, all members of the PBAK Battle Royal Selection will be having a practice on Oct 3 (Tuesday), and the game against the Jordanian Community Bowling Association Selection will be on Oct 12 (Thursday) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Venue of the match will be the 300 Club bowling lanes.

As a respite from its hectic bowling schedule, PBAK will have a KKB-picnic on October 20, 1989 (Friday) at the Mangaf Beach. Members who will come between 7-9:30 am will be free from paying the entrance fee by presenting their ID cards while non-members who wish to join can buy their entrance tickets from any of PBAK's officers.

Live music entertainment will be provided by the Ultimate Band (Shuaiba) in addition to lots of fun games and surprises. All members are requested to wear or bring their PBAK T-shirts.

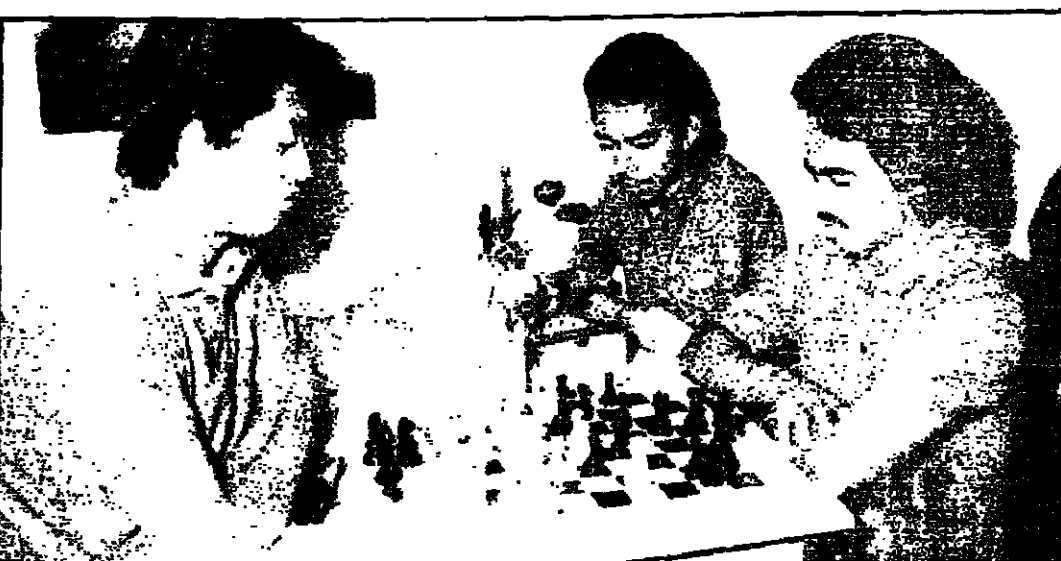
Evert upset in semifinal

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania, Sept. 30, (UPI) — Betsy Nagelsen upset Chris Evert 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, in semifinal round play last night and smashed hopes for Evert to face Martina Navratilova in the final round of the \$48,000 Kiss 100 Invitational tournament.

Navratilova, winner of the tournament for two straight years, earned a meeting with Nagelsen, whom she beat in last year's final, by defeating 18-year-old Susan Sloane 6-0, 7-5 in 65 minutes.

In a match of unusual turnarounds, Navratilova was devastating in the first set, holding her opponent to just four points. She won four straight games at love, ran off 18 straight points at one stretch and took the set in only fifteen minutes.

Sloane made a strong stand in the second set but Navratilova brought the set to match point at 6-5 with a service ace, her ninth of the match, and then won with an angled volley beyond Sloane's reach.



Some participants practice their moves before the opening ceremonies. (Photos by Ahmed Dorcas)

Filcheck tourney opens

THE First Active Chess Tournament, organized by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck), opened at the Kabayan Restaurant on Friday.

Acting Filcheck president Edward Racaza delivered the opening remarks. He cited the club's aim of promoting brotherhood and unity through chess and improving the skills of the members through friendly competitions. He added that members are given a series of chess rating tests to determine their level of skills, similar to ELO rating, to ensure that members of the same level compete with each other.



Kabayan singers performing during the opening ceremonies

Philippine Consul General Olivia Palala in her inspirational talk commended the club for its laudable efforts and professional organization. She wished them success in their first tournament and gave assurance of the Philippine Embassy's support in all their endeavors.

The winner of the search for club's logo was announced by Dr. Farid Lina of KISR. Thony Monreal whose entry was unanimously adjudged winner from 23 entries submitted, will receive a prize from Sony Supplying Store plus an English/Filipino/Arabic dictionary authored by Dr. Lina.

Members were then presented by Rading Moje and Jess Beiguen, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Membership Committee who drew lots to determine their groups. Chito Barrios, Tournament Committee Chairman, administered the oath of sportsmanship.

Mon Cortado, Tournament Committee vice-chairman, declared the opening of the tournament with Maher Abdel Karim, deputy general manager Adawallah Electronics, and Manny Inserso, Kapilku president doing the ceremonial moves.

Finally, Racaza briefed the participants on the tournament rules.

Musical entertainment numbers were provided by member Bernard delos Reyes, and Kabayan Singers Abet Campos, Noli Borja, Yolly Rapadas and Jency.

Encores were Romy Aureliano and Jun Mercado. Also present during the occasion were Thelma Samel of the Philippine Embassy and Flankit President Grace Fe Covarrubias.

Group A: 1. Jigs Acodisen; 2. Ali Maca-ayan; 3. Diony Bartolome; 4. Romy Pagaduan; 5. Wahab Alameda; 6. Rolie Mercado; 7. Hussein Ahmad; 8. Teddy Lagmay.

Group B: 1. Fred Nieve; 2. Mon Cortado; 3. Rey Veloso; 4. Stanley Sawit; 5. Thony Monreal; 6. Wally Soriano; 7. Somilao M.; 8. Sammy Aureliano.

Group C: 1. Jun Tiana; 2. Ariel Martinez; 3. Pir Espeno; 4. Rading Moje; 5. Nilo Magtanggob; 6. Rene Mostales; 7. Rolie Boado; 8. Vic Corpuz.

Group D: 1. Ding Policarpio; 2. Mauro Burtat; 3. Roberto Dair; 4. Ingy Vendiola; 5. Niel Dumalao; 6. Gil Opiana Jr.; 7. Alex Alfajero; 8. Edwin Borjas.

Group E: 1. B. de Los Reyes; 2. Rodolfo Laude; 3. Jess Beiguen; 4. Danilo Calasin; 5. Adrian Perez; 6. Ray Sumico; 7. Jun Mercado; 8. Mel Espinosa.



Olivia Palala



Youngest Filcheck member

Programme for Friday, Oct. 6:

Group	W	vs B
Group A	1	2
8:00 am	1	3
9:30 am	1	4
12:00 pm	2	1
2:00 pm	2	8
4:00 pm	3	5
6:00 pm	3	6
8:00 pm	4	7
10:00 pm	4	8
12:00 am	5	1
2:00 am	5	2
4:00 am	6	3
6:00 am	6	4
8:00 am	7	5
10:00 am	7	6
12:00 pm	8	7
2:00 pm	8	8

Group D

W	vs B
1	2
7	3
3	4
2	8
6	5
4	7
5	1
8	2
3	6
7	4
6	5
4	8
5	1
8	2
3	6
7	4

Group E

W	vs B
1	2
7	3
3	4
2	8
6	5
4	7
5	1
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4	8
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7	4

Note: W — White
B — Black

All participants are being reminded of the following:

1. Defaulting time is fifteen minutes from scheduled time.
2. Two (2) consecutive defaults will be considered as withdrawal from the tournament.
3. Official tournament uniforms must be worn during the games.

'Jacki' poses threat for England soccer squad

LONDON, Sept. 30, (Reuters) — Glasgow's soccer-mad population may have trouble pronouncing it but Polish striker Dariusz Dzienkowski is rapidly becoming a household name in Scotland. England could be about to discover the reasons why.

Four goals for Celtic in their extraordinary S-4 European Cup Winners' Cup win over Partizan Belgrade on Wednesday, although not enough to take the Scots into the second round, merely confirmed Dzienkowski — Jacki to his new fans on the terraces — as a special talent.

His eye for goal certainly makes him a real threat to England and manager Bobby Robson when they travel to Katowice next month for an important World Cup qualifier against Poland.

If he manages another four goals there, the Scots, never England's greatest friends, would probably grant him the freedom of Glasgow overnight.

Dzienkowski, 27, today, is more realistic. "I have never scored four goals before in my life," he said. "It would be wonderful to do it again against England but I do not think it will be possible."

"England are a very good team with many stars like Terry Butcher. I have already played against him once in the Celtic and Rangers match this season and I think it came once out even between us."

Celtic are already congratulating themselves on their good fortune in attracting Dzienkowski from Legia Warsaw for what now seems like a bargain £540,000 (\$870,000).

Assistant manager Tommy Craig, for one, believes that the fans at Parkhead may still not have seen the best of their new hero.

"To me, he is not a forward or a striker so much as a footballer because his skills are so complete," Craig said.

"He is powerfully built but has wonderful control and is streetwise, able to take care of himself in a tight situation."

"If we can improve him in any way it will be to speed him up a bit because the pace of the British game means that he won't be given as much time on the ball as he has been used to."

After winning 52 caps for Poland which have brought him 17 goals, Dzienkowski has proved he can score goals at the highest level but fears he will not be able to display his talents at the World Cup finals in Italy next year.

Poland trail England by six points, although they do have games in hand, but Dzienkowski is not expecting miracles.

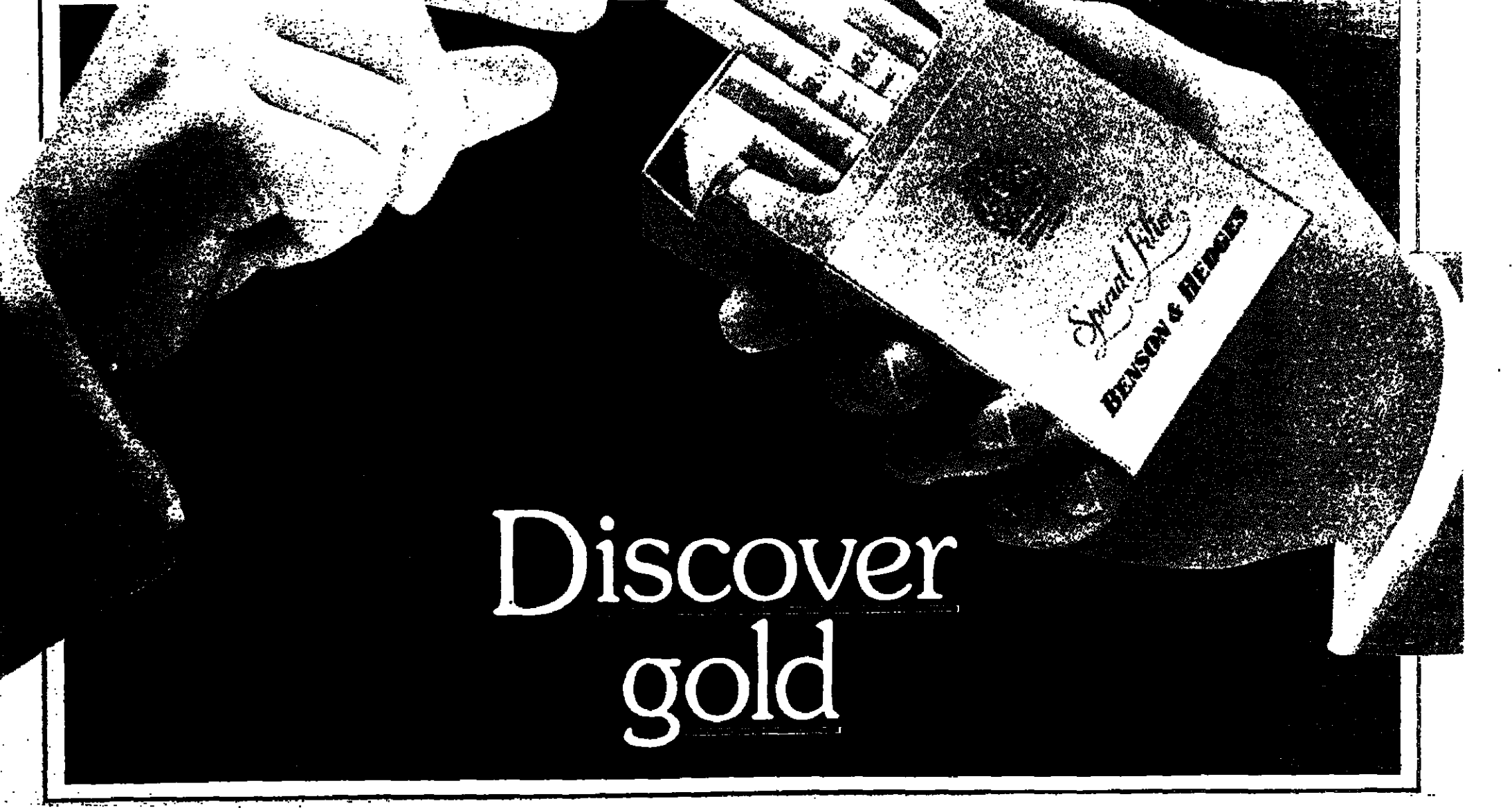
Hawks beat Geelong Cats

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 30, (AP) — The Hawthorn Hawks continued their domination of Australian Rules Football today by winning a second consecutive League title and their fourth in seven years.

The match was played before a crowd of more than 100,000, and a world-wide television audience estimated at 80 million.

The Hawks beat the underdogs Geelong Cats by six points, 144-138, in the League's so-called "grand final." They took the bragging rights for another year in what has become one of the world's most-watched television sports.

The game was seen live on the prime ticket network on the Western US coast and in Hawaii, while a number of other American networks will show the game on tape delay.



Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

The Chileans claimed the flare hit goalie Roberto Rojas on the forehead, who walked off the field. Brazil was leading 1-0 at the time.

One week later the International Federation of Association Football, known by its French initials as Fifa, declared Brazil the winner, ruling Chile had "abandoned the field."

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